

<b>August 5, 2010</b>	<b>From The Heart of Tyler</b>	<b>Vol. 41- No. 30</b>	
<b>Records</b>	<b>Sunday- Aug. 1</b>	<b>Sunday- July 25</b>	<b>Year Ago</b>
<b>Bible Class</b>	374	376	408
<b>Worship a.m.</b>	646	601	611
<b>Worship p.m.</b>	413	319	368
<b>Wed. p.m.</b>	200	300	306
<b>Contribution</b>	\$22,104.97	\$23,760.98	\$22,348.56
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	\$27,981.00		

**Hospitalized:** **Baylor in Dallas:** Keisha Amidon Whistler, co-worker of Lisa Snell, fell and broke her back with possible permanent paralysis, but moved her toes this week. | **Health South:** Mary Ruth Cox | Lynn & Marjorie Sherrod, Rm 141. | **Updates:** Joli Bench, Roy & Fern's daughter-in-law, fell and suffered a broken ankle, left wrist and hand, and also received a gash on her head. | **Wanda Frick** found out there is not treatment available to bring her kidney back, but that they will try to control it with diet. | **Londa Harris**, neice of Bud & Charlotte Cawyer, is in need of prayers. | **Michael Johnston**, brother of Cathy Stowers, was diagnosed with colon cancer. | **Roger Knight** is now home. | **Henry McRuiz** will have shoulder surgery 8/5 at Azalea on Golden Rd. | **Rafael Sandoval**, father of Israel Sandoval, had a pre heart attack last Saturday. He saw a specialist but is now home in Mexico. | **West Erwin Family:** Milburn Cook | Wini Cullinan | Louise Culpepper | Patsy Fisher | Wanda Frick | Jan Knight | Tommy Lowrance | Carolyn McCune | Forest & Mary McFadden | Geri Moore | Carol Morgan | Bettye Price | Betty Willis | **Ongoing concerns:** Johnny Anders | Darrell & Nell Beard | Delle Bullard | Kalli Huff | Dub & Opal Mathews | Bill & Ruby McCain | Penny & Wade McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | Maxine Ray | Liz Rogers | Ira & Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods | **Family & Friends:** Pat Gray, sister of Fran Starnes | **Brett Finley**, son-in-law of the Womacks | **Lawrence Hollaway**, brother of Linda Westerfeld

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Evening Worship ..... Sept-May 5:00 P.M.	Bible Classes ..... 7:00 P.M.
June-Aug 6:00 P.M.	
<b>TUESDAY AND THURSDAY</b>	<b>WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST</b>
Christian Service Center ..... 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.	420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133 (903) 592-0809

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**SERVING SUNDAY 10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY**

Call to worship: Danny Snell  
 Prayer: Jim Holleman  
 Scripture: Gary Heath, Jr.  
 Dismiss: Bill Mullins  
 Presiding At The Lord's Table: Todd Kempton

**SERVING COMMUNION**

Jimmy Carty: Chad Chauncey  
 Bud Cawyer: Will Christian  
 Cameron Chandler: Barry Ciaschini  
 Gene Chandler: Stan Clark

**6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY**

Prayer: Jamon Kirby  
 Scripture: Drew Harris  
 Dismiss: Robert Lee

**GREETERS**

Dannie & Sue Skipper & Cade Suggs  
 Shaun & Joanna Stamps & Cassidy Suggs  
 Dennis & Karen Stansbury & Brice Sustaire  
**Visitor Center:** Glynn & Fran Starnes  
 Louise Seaberry & Barbara Smart

**Pick Up Cards for 8/8:** Dustin Means, Nicolas Means, Brayden Kempton, Corey Prestidge, Stephen Moore

**Sound Booth for 8/8-8/15:** Paul Lewis & Jonathan Stone

**Minibus Driver for Sunday and Wednesday:** Don Ingram ph. 903-253-4600. **Please call if you need transportation.**

**Children's Ministry for 8/8:** Nursery a.m.: Crystal Hill  
 Toddlers a.m: Nerene Ingram | Toddlers p.m.: Donella Jackson  
 Children's Worship: Terrence & Jeanie Ates



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**Moments with Mike**

**On My Mind...**

From time to time I share brief thoughts instead of a full article. Here are some thoughts from my mind this week.

- ◆ Last Wednesday I was honored to help perform the funeral for Homer Harris. He was 95 and had preached for an amazing 72 years. In fact, his last sermons were preached just 5 weeks before his death. He was the step-father of our Aubrey Morman. Not many preachers will be able to match the years of service that Brother Harris gave to his Lord. But most preachers share in the commitment and sacrifice that is associated with being a minister of God's word. Preaching is a very demanding profession, full of stress and sacrifice, not only for the preacher for also for his family. Please pray for and encourage all those who commit their lives in service to our Lord. Let them know that you are praying for them.
- ◆ Our Sunday night attendance continues to be a source of encouragement. You are to be commended on your attendance and worship at all times and especially for coming back on Sunday evening. Good job!
- ◆ Thank you for your comments and reactions to the recent sermons. The life of Joseph is full of great

insights on how we can remain faithful to God in the face of adversity. This Saturday our VBS will focus on the life of Joseph and Sunday morning we will conclude this short series as we see that God meant those evil things to be used for good.

- ◆ After the lesson on a life worth living, several inquired about the booklet on overcoming depression. If you would like a copy please contact the office. We are trying to locate additional copies.
- ◆ One passage used on Sunday night was Hebrews 3:12-13. "Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; but **exhort one another daily**, while it is called 'Today,' lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin." (emphasis added, MB). Would your life be any different if you received daily encouragement? How about if you never or rarely received encouragement? Encouragement can make a huge difference. Please think about ways that you can help provide daily encouragement for one another. You will be amazed and how much better your life will become by giving and receiving encouragement. See you Sunday! Mike

2010 Theme  
**We Believe**

Sermons for August 8, 2010, by Mike Baker  
 A.M.: Joseph: God Meant It For Good (Gen. 50:15-20)  
 P.M.: God Knows Your Needs (Phil. 4:10-13, 19)  
 Tune in to KTBB AM 600 Sundays from 7:30-8:00 a.m. for "**Our Living Hope.**"

"The Church With Heart"

## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### THANKS!

Thanks to all of those who helped with the Middle School Devo last week. Thanks to Ernest Bennett, David Wicks & Randy Turner for teaching in my absence over the past weeks.

Lisa & I will be on vacation this next week celebrating our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. There is really no one who is more deserving of a big "thanks" than Lisa for blessing our youth ministry and my life. I am quite sure God has something extra special for her just for putting up with me!

On a personal note... this week will mark 22 years for Lisa & I serving with the West Erwin family. Thanks to all of you who have blessed our lives over these years. Together we have served, laughed, hurt, healed, played, cried, studied & worshipped. Thank you for all those memories! You have truly blessed our lives.

### NEW ORLEANS MISSION TRIP

What a week... the New Orleans Mission Trip was amazingly... good, hot, fun, uplifting, tiring & blessed. Thank you for your prayers for safety and success. God used us in powerful ways as we served side by side with our brethren in New Orleans. Thanks to Davy & Sonja Carter, Ken Culpepper, Barry & Sara Scarborough and Jeremy Wilson for going as sponsors.

Aug. 7  
Aug. 22  
Aug. 23

Aug. 29  
Sept. 12  
Oct. 23-24  
Oct. 31  
Nov. 19-21

### IMPORTANT DATES

Vacation Bible School  
Back To School Devo  
West Erwin hosts Karing Kitchen  
High School Devo  
Middle School Devo  
West Erwin's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Fall Festival  
ZEW Retreat

### New and Fresh

A real estate agent was showing a prospective buyer a certain piece of property. It was an old derelict building. Vandals had broken most of the windows, smashed the doors, and trashed the inside with garbage and graffiti. As the agent began to offer excuses for the condition of the building and to attempt to tally the cost of repairs the prospective buyer said, "I'm not interested in restoring the building. I'm interested in the site."

It seems to me that this is where GOD is. All our self-improvements are as pointless as

trying to renovate the old building.

Paul said, "if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" (2 Cor 5:17). In (Gal 6:15) he wrote: "Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is a new creation." He also said, "All this is from GOD." (2 Cor 5:18)

Our derelict bodies were bought by the precious blood of Christ not to renovate the old, but to create a new, fresh being, forgiven, and washed clean and empowered by the Spirit of GOD Himself. GOD is interested in the site.....your site.

By Don Crawford

### Growing in Grace by Mike Gravois

#### Summer VBS - Egypt: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace

Saturday, August 7 from 9:00am - 3:00pm

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<sup>4</sup>There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. <sup>5</sup>There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord.

<sup>6</sup>There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men.

<sup>12</sup>The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. 1 Corinthians 12:4-6; 12-13

Praise God and Thank You!!!

Thank you each and every one for your help in making this year's VBS a reality and for bringing the Bible to life for our children and their visitors. Each of you offered your gifts, talents, abilities, and resources to create the Egyptian Marketplace. God took those and combined them as we worked together as one "body," the Body of Christ. Together we were able to accomplish what we would not have been able to as individuals. It has been a joy and a blessing working alongside you. Again, thank you.

Please join us for a Bridal Shower

honoring

*Evelyn Keaton*

bride-elect of Tyler Lott

Saturday, August 21st

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

at the home of Julie Ables

3026 Concord Place

Tyler, Texas

Selections at Dillard's

### Email Address Updates

Jodie Albritton: albrittonjl@lind.sprnet.org

Dick & Sue Higginbotham: higgstyler@gmail.com

### Thank You

Dear West Erwin, Words cannot express the love & kindness that was shown to our family during Mike's surgery. Thank you for your prayers, calls, cards & visits. Thank you to those who were at the hospital on the day of surgery. We are blessed to be a part of a loving congregation.

**Mike & Dorothy Watts**

With our deepest appreciation, we thank our West Erwin family for all the phone calls, food and cards and for the beautiful basket of flowers sent in honor of Homer Harris. Thank you.

**Aubrey & Jean Morman**

**Jerry & Phenny Morman**

Thank you so much for the Bible you gave me for graduation. It will help me in the future ahead with the many questions that I may have. Love,

**Mollie Mink**

### Name Badges

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Wednesday Night  
Summer Series

August 11, 2010

Matt Soper, West Houston

"Kindness"

### Adult Library



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### Welcome, New Members!

**Buddy & Gay Townsend**

577 Towne Oaks Dr., Tyler, TX 75701

903.534.4607

**Dennis & Reta Brand**

11822 CR 283 E, Whitehouse, TX 75791

903.566.3132

Hobobrandgmail.com

**James & Ruth Ellis, Jamie & Michelle**

15075 CR 285, Tyler, TX 75707

jrjmellis@att.net

*We welcome you to the West Erwin family!*

The August calendars are available at the kiosk and tables in the foyers and at the Visitor Center.

Ladies are invited to a Bridal Shower honoring

*Anna Edwards*

bride-elect of Colby Chandler

Sunday, August 22

4:00-5:30 p.m.

West Erwin Family Life Center

Selections at Bed, Bath & Beyond & Target



### WEPS Now Enrolling

School begins September 7

Tuesdays & Thursdays

8:15 a.m.-2:15 p.m.

6 weeks thru Pre-K



903-592-0809 or 903-312-7020

Director: Angie Coleman

www.weplayschool.org



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Gene Chandler Stan Clark

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Prayer Donny Ingram  
Scripture Dalton Harris  
Dismiss Clay Kinser

**GREETERS**

Wendell & Anita Potter & Jackson Smith  
Charles & Phyllis Rachui & Jordan Snell  
Joe & Connie Roach & Caylee Stamps  
**Visitor Center:** John & Virginia Pike  
Gaylan & Margie Scagler

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**Minibus Driver for Sunday and Wednesday:** Don Ingram  
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**Children's Ministry for 8/1:** Nursery a.m.: Beverly Hale  
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Children's Worship: Tara Kilgore



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### Moments with Mike

#### The Best Use Of Time

Last Sunday evening our lesson was on the importance of time management. God provides us with the gift of time each day. Whether one is young or old, rich or poor, male or female, we each receive the same amount of time on a daily basis.

Unfortunately not every person values this time in the same way. Some will squander it, waste it and let it get away from them. Others will be more mindful of its value and will look to plan it, measure it and make the most of it. But whether we give attention to time or not, time will keep marching on.

As Americans we have become accustomed to being busy. We work hard, play hard and generally fill our lives with a great amount of activity. Rarely is the average citizen of our country without something to do or some place to be. Somehow we find a way to fit in what has to be done.

But I worry that we don't spend enough of our time on things that are really important. Charles Humel said, "Our greatest danger in life is in permitting the urgent things to crowd out the important."

When I was a manager in a corporation some of the employees I managed had difficulty finding the time to do their own assignments. They seemed to be always

busy helping others and were almost always around to volunteer for some division-wide event. But their own work was often neglected. As a result, they often complained that they didn't have the time to complete their own tasks by the deadlines.

In short, they didn't manage their time properly. The English Standard Version of Colossians 4:5-6 uses a phrase that I really like. "Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, *making the best use of your time*. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person" (emphasis added, MB).

Many high achievers in life will never outwardly appear in a rush. They have already established priorities and know what things must be done. Then they simply execute a reasonable plan to allocate sufficient time to each task until they are all completed. They make the best use of their time.

Friends, think about our spiritual priorities. Do we allocate sufficient time for God in our lives? What about Bible classes, prayer, reading the Bible or Sunday night worship? Think about these and don't let the urgent crowd out the important.

See you Sunday! Mike

2010 Theme  
*We Believe*

Sermons for August 1 2010, by Mike Baker  
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P.M.: Things That Make Life Worth Living (1 Cor. 13:13)  
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"The Church With Heart"

## Youth With Heart... by Danny MIDDLE SCHOOL MYSTERY

Well, the Middle School Mystery trip turned out great! Thanks to all the adults who went and helped even though you didn't quite know what was next! Our middle schoolers had a great time playing, praying, learning, serving and growing.

### NEW ORLEANS MISSION TRIP

As of this writing, 20 of us from West Erwin are in New Orleans working with the Carrolton Ave Church and the Holly Grove Church. We have been scraping, painting, cleaning, demolishing & rebuilding. Worship on Sunday was really uplifting

and was a blessing to be a part of. Our teens have served with a wonderful spirit this week even though it has been really hot. Please pray for us as we travel home on Friday.

### COMBINED DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the middle & high school group are invited to the devotional this coming Sunday night after church. Please bring \$3 for supper and wear tennis shoes. Invite a friend to join us. We will be finished at 9:00.

### IMPORTANT DATES

July 24-30 New Orleans Mission Trip  
Aug. 1 Combined Devo  
Aug. 23 West Erwin hosts Karing Kitchen

## Favorite Passages

By Don Crawford

I always have a favorite passage. Sometimes it changes and I suddenly have a new favorite passage. So, I got to thinking (I know that gets me into trouble)....did Jesus have a favorite passage? My conclusion is that He had two.

The first was what the Israelites called the Shema: "Love the Lord your GOD with all your heart and with all your soul and with all you strength" (Deut 6:5).

It also seems to me that Jesus had a second favorite passage because He used it twice in the book of Matthew. The passage is Hosea 6:6 and

He uses it with the command to "go and learn what this means," and then the passage, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice."

Originally, these words were from the Father telling His children He desires something more than burnt offerings. His desire is that His children would have the same heart as His.....a heart filled with mercy. So, Jesus brings His second favorite passage to us with the command to go and learn what this means.

I never found the meaning of mercy until I experienced it. And when I experienced it, I also found that I was the one chosen to help others find it by showing it to them.

## Growing in Grace by Mike Gravois

### Summer VBS – Egypt: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace

Saturday, August 7 from 9:00am – 3:00pm Ages 4 – entering 5<sup>th</sup> grade

\* Teacher Workday: Sunday 4-6pm in the Teachers' Workroom. Beginning at noon Sunday, August 1, VBS volunteers can start setting up their booths for VBS or putting anything in the FLC that will be needed for VBS. Also, there will be an informational meeting Sunday, August 1 at 5:00 p.m. in the Small Auditorium for all parents and VBS volunteers.

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<sup>2</sup>Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, <sup>3</sup>because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. <sup>4</sup>Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. <sup>5</sup>If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. <sup>6</sup>But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. <sup>7</sup>That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; <sup>8</sup>he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does.

James 1:2-8

You've got to be kidding!!!

Genesis 44: God was behind it. God sent me here ahead of you to save lives. "God was behind it?" Joseph, you've got to be kidding! This was a bad series of events. You have been sold into slavery, lied about, imprisoned, forgotten – and God was behind it? Do you really believe God would send you into such difficult circumstances? God only sends nice things into our lives – you know, "God is love," – that sort of thing.

Uh, what's that I see? It's a shadow that looks a lot like a cross. The cross...God was behind it...saving lives.

Never mind...I get it. Focus the eyes of my heart, Lord. I want to see you.

## Change of Info

Ruth Moore  
P.O. Box 4572, Tyler, TX 75712  
254.644.4417 (cell)

Dorothy Bell (former member)  
Villages of Richardson # 2305

1111 Rockingham Lane, Richardson, TX 95080  
214.570.8008

Lee & Janice Kellenberger  
903.330.2357

## With Thanks

Thank you so much for the prayers, cards, food, calls and sweet words of encouragement.

Henry & Becky McRuiz

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a funeral spray, if so we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say. Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much whatever the part.

The family of Marceline Wright

My West Erwin family, I first want to thank everyone for all the warm and friendly farewells and for being my home church for 16 years! Thank you so much for the maroon Bible, which I am currently using at Camp Deer Run and furthering my study in God's word! You will always be in my prayers and a part of my family. Gig 'em! Love,

Maggie Ragsdale

Dear West Erwin family, Thank you for the NIV Bible I received for graduation. I am blessed to be a part of the West Erwin Church Family. It will be useful as I begin my college life at the University of Texas in Austin. Hook 'em! Love,

Grace Weathers

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**Wednesday Night Summer Series**  
August 4, 2010  
Jason Reeves  
"Gentleness"

## Shiloh Road Prime Timers

Shiloh Roach Church of Christ's Prime Timers invite the Young At Heart to join them for good food & fellowship August 12 at 6:30 p.m. for taco stacking and entertainment. Please RSVP to 903.839.2931 by August 9.

## Teachers Needed

West Erwin Playschool is currently seeking teachers for two-year-olds, four-year-olds, a classroom aide and substitute teachers for all classes for the 2010-2011 school year. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Angie Coleman at 903-312-7020.

## Adult Library



Recent additions to the Adult Library include several new CDs and a collection of sermons by Batsell Barrett Baxter on cassette tape. Look in the New Books section of the Adult Library.

## Response for Prayers

I have not been as faithful as I should have been in attending church since Jim died. Please pray that I will be a stronger Christian and be a better example to others.

Priscilla Mayer

## Meeting

There will be an elders, deacons & staff meeting at El Charro's on Monday, August 2, at 6:30 p.m.

Tots For Christ will no longer meet for the remainder of the Summer.



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**9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

For children age 4 through entering 5th Grade



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**6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY**

Prayer	Ernie Gordon
Scripture	Wyatt Gruver
Dismiss	Bob Hackett

**GREETERS**

Bob & May Helen May & Luis Saucedo  
 Elmer & Nila Miles & Erick Saucedo  
 Lee & Camille Mink & Andres Saucedo  
**Visitor Center:** Paul & Carolyn Montandon  
 Carlos & Emma Morgan

**Pick Up Cards for 7/18 & 7/25:** Grant Perkins, Matthew Christian, Keaton Conder, Colton Haile, Caleb DuPree

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## Moments with Mike

### What Does It Profit?

I love to read the insights of others and I was moved recently by reading articles from two of my preacher friends, Steve Kirby and Steve Higginbotham. One wrote on the challenges of being a Christian servant, leader and teacher to others. He spoke of the fact that "talk is cheap" but action to fulfill the needs of others comes at a price.

He's right. Any position of leadership for our Lord will require more than words. Actions are also needed, but sometimes they become a heavy burden to carry. To help encourage such workers he cited three passages.

"And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ" (Colossians 3:23-24).

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:58).

"And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart" (Galatians 6:9).

The other friend wrote of the fact that we sometimes mistakenly think a problem is solved when the complaining stops. He used the following illustration.

A little boy goes to school and his teacher asks if anything exciting happened over the weekend. The boy raises his hand and says, "Yes, my daddy fell in a deep well." "Is he ok?," the teacher asked. "Well, he must be. He stopped crying for help yesterday."

My friend then adds, "Friends, every day we find ourselves in the company of people who are hurting, in trouble, and in overt and covert ways are crying out for help. Therefore, I have two questions: 1. What have we done to answer those cries for help? 2. Have we incorrectly assumed that just because the cries have stopped that the problem has vanished?"

Listen to what James had to say about this. "What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,' but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead" (James 2:14-17).

Friends, prayer is important. But don't just pray for God to help solve a friend's problem. Open your eyes to see that you just may be the solution God intended.

See you Sunday! Mike

2010 Theme  
*We Believe*

Sermons for July 18, 2010, by Mike Baker  
 A.M.: More Valuable Than Sparrows (Matt. 10:28-31)  
 P.M.: Precious Promises Of Christ (2 Pet. 1:1-4)  
 Tune in to KTBB AM 600 Sundays from 7:30-8:00 a.m.  
 for "*Our Living Hope.*"

"The Church With Heart"

## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

The 2010 Nebraska Mission Trip has come to an end. On Thursday a huge milestone was reached. That day was day # 80 of West Erwin teens in West Point. Congratulations to our teens for an outstanding job and thanks to all of those who laid the groundwork for us today.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL MYSTERY

This week about 37 of us are somewhere on the Middle School Mystery. If you want more information, check out the Facebook page "West Erwin's Middle School Mystery." So far... a great week!

### Bible Knowledge

By Don Crawford

The goal of knowing the Bible isn't Bible knowledge.....it's knowing GOD. One of biggest myths in the church is equating spiritual maturity with our Bible knowledge acquisition. So, that means that most of us are educated way beyond the level of our submission. We learn more and do less thinking we are growing spiritually.

The Latin word for "listen" is where we get our English word audit. I have audited a few classes in my life. I attended the classes, took in all the information, but I didn't do any of the homework. I didn't take the tests, nor did I get a grade.

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There was no such distinction in the days of Jesus. Knowing was doing.

What if, every time we came across a verse that told us to do something, we thoughtfully and prayerfully figured out a way to put it into action? What if we looked at Scripture as if every verse was a Godly experiment? James thought that would be a great idea .....James 1:22-25.

"Do not merely listen (audit) the word and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and after looking at himself goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like."

### Growing in Grace by Mike Gravois

Summer VBS - **Egypt: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace**  
Saturday, August 7 from 9:00am - 3:00pm Ages 4 - entering 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
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*The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ*

*1 Corinthians 12:12*

The date for West Erwin's 2010 summer Vacation Bible School is drawing closer. We are still looking for people to help us: in the Egyptian Marketplace; as Tribal Leaders, leading groups of children through the Marketplace; with decorations to help bring the Marketplace to life; in the kitchen with snacks and food for children/volunteers; etc., etc., etc.

I like the Marketplace concept for VBS because there is a job for everyone. It takes the efforts of all of us to create a Bibletimes Marketplace where we bring scripture to life for the children attending. The children who visit our VBS will see the life of Joseph in a way we cannot present in the classroom and they will be able to participate in some of the very activities in which he may have been involved.

Finally, this VBS takes all of us. Look at the scripture from Corinthians. Paul reminds us that when we all work together we can accomplish incredible things. Won't you join us? I will be in the foyer Sunday with sign up list for volunteers. There will be registration sheets for children in the Bible classes and in the foyer.

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### VBS Wish List

Animals for the Stable (chickens, rooster, goats, sheep, exotic birds, calf, colt, large friendly dog, etc.)  
Canopies (10'x10' or 12'x12'), Oriental 'looking' rugs



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### New Playschool Director

After serving as Director of the West Erwin Playschool, **Kim DuPree** has resigned that position to be more available to her own children. **Angie Coleman** has been selected as the new Director for the school.

We appreciate all of the wonderful work that Kim has done and we look forward to great things under Angie's leadership.



Kim DuPree



Angie Coleman



### Wednesday Night Summer Series

July 21, 2010

Mike Armour, EEM

### Shiloh Road Prime Timers

Shiloh Roach Church of Christ's Prime Timers invite the Young At Heart to join them for good food & fellowship August 12 at 6:30 p.m. for taco stacking and entertainment. Please RSVP to 903.839.2931 by August 9.

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### With Thanks

Dear West Erwin family, Thank you for the compassion you showed me in the loss of Ed. Thanks for the many cards, phone calls & prayers. Thanks to all the elders and men from West Erwin that visited the hospital. The flowers were beautiful. Thanks to Mike for staying with us until Ed's passing. I love my West Erwin family.

*Ruth Moore*

Thank you so much for the new Bible! It is something I will be able to use for any number of questions I will come across along my journey. Love,

*Caitlin Cook*

### Adult Library

Recent additions to the Adult Library include several new CDs and a collection of sermons by Batsell Barrett Baxter on cassette tape. Look in the New Books section of the Adult Library.

### God's Creation VBS

You are invited to God's Creation, Digging for Answers VBS at the University Church of Christ July 19-22 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. each night.



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<b>Worship a.m.</b>	594	670	565
<b>Worship p.m.</b>	273	382	310
<b>Wed. p.m.</b>	292	335	374
<b>Contribution</b>	\$76,652.62	\$24,226.25	\$40,578.47
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## Moments with Mike

### A Sure Investment

If you are like most Americans you have watched your retirement and investment accounts ride a crazy rollercoaster the last couple of years. The ups and downs have been swinging wildly and no one really seems to know what will happen next.

In the past few weeks some have begun to predict another major collapse of the stock markets and the onset of a major depression. Although no one can know for sure what will happen, our financial security does appear to be in some type of jeopardy.

Let me ask you a question. Would you like to know about a sure investment, one where your money was guaranteed to double every year and would never lose value? Would you be interested in such an opportunity?

From what I can discover, such an opportunity really doesn't exist in our world. If it did, there would be a stampede to sign up for it.

Or maybe not.

I've learned something over the past couple of years as I watched my small retirement fund lose half its value and struggle to work its way back. I discovered that I really didn't know what I should know about protecting and growing that account. Also, I learned that my ignorance in that area fed a fear that prevented me from doing anything

about it.

But ignorance can be cured, or at least treated. In the past few months I've taken steps to learn more about that area of my life. Now, rather than feeling like a helpless victim, I'm able to understand the risks and dangers and I'm becoming better able to navigate to safety.

I think there is a parallel here to spiritual investments as well. Some people remain ignorant of the process of laying up treasures for themselves in heaven. Instead of assurance and confidence about the future they blindly "hope" that something good will happen for their spiritual state.

Friends, there is a better way. Overcome uncertainty and empty hope by filling your minds with the instructions for God's sure investment for your life.

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:19-21).

See you (next) Sunday! Mike

(We will be on vacation this week and will be returning on the 17th.)

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

This past week a group of 36 from West Erwin were in West Point, Nebraska for our 20<sup>th</sup> mission trip to teach the young people of that community. We had 65 children for the first day of VBS, 99 the second day and 110 the third day! We will be traveling home on Saturday. Please pray for our mission, our health & our safety.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL MYSTERY

Our Middle School Madness trip has been officially renamed... to Middle School Mystery! The dates are July 13-16. The details are a mystery and will just have to wait and see! It will be a blast! We will have a meeting on Sunday, July 11 @ 5:15 in the High School Classroom to go over some limited details and I will give you a list of what you need to bring. Please bring your \$75 fee. Make

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## Freedom: Being in Christ

By Don Crawford

Greeks preached — Be wise, know yourself.

Romans preached — Be strong, discipline yourself.

Jews preached — Be obedient, reconcile yourself.

Today, man preaches...

Be superior, promote yourself;

Be confident, fulfill yourself;

Be sensuous, enjoy yourself.

Judea's notorious governor, Pontius Pilate, stood face to face with Jesus. He heard Jesus use the word "truth." Pilate questioned the word saying, "What is truth?" Then he walked away. He should

have waited for the answer.

Christianity is not built around human philosophy. Christianity is not a list of do's and don'ts. Nor is Christianity a moral code of ethics. Christianity is a life. A life of freedom lived in Christ.

What this means is that many in our world today are still searching to find that freedom, that inner peace, that life that Jesus is calling them to live. Watch those who drive up along side you this week and those who stand in your line at the check out counter. Many are searching, many have given up. Then pray, "Lord, help me to make a difference; use me to Your glory."

## Growing in Grace by Mike Gravois

*Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. Hebrews 11:1-2*

**Perseverance** *n.* : steady persistence in adhering to a course of action, a belief, or a purpose; steadfastness. continued steady belief or efforts, withstanding discouragement or difficulty; persistence.

So was it perseverance or faith that kept Joseph going when times were difficult? How would you maintain your faith when sold into slavery by your brothers; being unjustly accused by Potipher's wife and imprisoned; and sitting in a dungeon with no indications that your situation would change?

I believe these two words operate hand-in-hand. You see, to me, perseverance is faith applied. It is continuing to live your life one day at a time when the future is uncertain. Perseverance is relying upon a God who is bigger than our circumstances. Listen to these verses written by the apostle Paul.

*<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup>neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:37-39*

*<sup>13</sup>I can do everything through him who gives me strength. Philippians 4:13*

When we study the life and times of the characters of the Bible, we see men and women who acted boldly during times when they were not certain what the immediate future would hold for them. It is Abraham standing over Isaac, the child of promise, holding the knife and preparing to sacrifice his son because God wanted to test his faith.

I'm not sure what the future holds for you BUT I do know who holds your future. Let's walk by faith, not by sight.

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**Egypt: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace**  
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Registration for children will begin this Sunday, July 11.

Stop by the table in the foyer and see how you can be part of "bringing the Bible to life."



## For Your Information

There will be no bulletin the week of July 18-24. If you have something for the bulletin that week, please send it in a week earlier so it will not be overlooked.

## New Baby

Elizabeth Reneé Arnold was born June 14, in Springdale, AR, to Trent & Reneé Arnold. Congratulations to her grandparents, Odie & Dolores Kennedy, and her proud uncle, Toby. Elizabeth was 7 lbs., 2 oz. and 19 inches long.



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## Sermon & Summer Series CDs

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	<b>Wednesday Night Summer Series</b>
	July 14, 2010
	John Scott

## Upcoming Events of Interest

### Singing School & Praise Camp

You are invited to the 45th Annual Singing School and Praise Camp conducted by the Haskell Church of Christ July 11-16. See the brochure on the news & notes bulletin board.

### Longview Lectureship

The Longview Church of Christ invites you to their 18th Annual Bible Lectureship August 27-29. The topic is "Unchanging Truths for a Changing World." See the brochure on the news & notes bulletin board by the small auditorium.

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## Thank You

This is a big "Thank You" for the New Testament Commentaries. They have all been wrapped, addressed, covered with clear tape and on their way to the Ebonyi School of Preaching Library. I know they will be appreciated- one afternoon in March I received a telephone call from that school to thank me for a shipment of Bibles that had arrived. In Christian love,

*Reba Sorrells, for World Bible School*

## Response for Prayer

Elaine Fisk responded Sunday asking the church for prayers. Please continue to pray for and encourage Elaine.

## With Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Mitzi Wilkinson for the loss of her brother, W.C. Sanders, who passed away in Liberty, Texas. Services are pending. Our love, prayers & sympathy are with the family.



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Worship p.m.	382	376	401
Wed. p.m.	335	317	303
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## Moments with Mike

### What Question Would You Ask?

Do you remember the Magic 8 Ball toy that was introduced years ago? My sister had one of those when we were young. This toy, that resembled an oversized billiard ball, had a small window on the bottom. A person was supposed to ask a question, shake the ball and then turn it over and the answer would magically appear in the window.

Naturally I didn't believe in such nonsense. That's why I would wait until my sister was out of the room before I asked the 8 ball a question. Of course if I didn't get the answer I wanted I simply ignored it and tried again. So much for something telling your future!

I believe people are, by nature, very curious beings. When we see something new we want to learn about it. When we have a problem we look for a solution. But if the things we discover don't meet with what we expect, sometimes we ignore the information and keep looking.

I've read some amusing lists of questions that people would like to ask God. Did Adam have a belly button? Were there termites on the ark? Some questions are trivial while others are rather weighty.

There was a young man in the Bible who had a chance to ask Jesus some questions. He didn't ask about

the trivial. Rather he asked about something very important.

He asked, "Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?" (Matt. 19:17). He was told to keep the commandments.

So then he asked, "Which ones?" (Matt. 19:18). Jesus named six commandments to follow to which the young man replied, "All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?" (Matt. 19:20).

In response to this Jesus answered, "If you want to be perfect, go sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me" (Matt. 19:21).

These were excellent questions the young man asked. But you know the young man's response. He went away filled with sorrow for he had many possessions. He was unwilling to accept the answer to his questions.

Friends, if you could ask Jesus anything today, what would it be? Would you want to know where you stand with God? Would you want to know if anything was lacking in your life?

More importantly, are you willing to live with the answers He provides?

See you Sunday! Mike

2010 Theme  
*We Believe*

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**Acts of Compassion**

By Don Crawford

Never underestimate the spiritual significance of even one act of compassion done in the name of Jesus. One simple act of Spirit-prompted compassion can change the course of history.

This is the message that rings loud and clear from an Egyptian dungeon 3,000 years ago. It's all recorded in the book of Genesis beginning in chapter 37. The imprisoned cupbearer shared his dream. Joseph interpreted it. Three days later the dream came true. The cupbearer was released from prison and reinstated to his position.

Several years later when Pharaoh had a strange dream the cupbearer remembered how Joseph helped him and he told Pharaoh. Joseph was summoned. He interpreted Pharaoh's dream and landed a job in Pharaoh's administration. A single act of compassion in an Egyptian dungeon years later led to the salvation of two nations, Egypt and Israel.

Never underestimate a single act of compassion, no matter how small. In GOD'S hands, anyone of them have the power to change the course of history for a life or a entire nation.

**Growing in Grace** by Mike Gravois

As we prepare for this summer's VBS, I hope you are taking some time to look at the life of Joseph, our main character. Joseph's life was characterized by his persistent faith in difficult circumstances. As tough times presented themselves in Joseph's life, He 1) maintained a clear conscience by putting God first in every situation; 2) he kept doing his best despite the circumstances, whether in prison or Pharaoh's palace; and 3) Joseph felt and practiced God's presence in the circumstances of his life.

VBS is coming, but there is so much you and I can learn from the life of Joseph as well. Let's not wait and "do this for the children." Open your Bible and see what lessons, practical truths, and illustrations God has in there for you today. In good times and in bad Joseph was a righteous man and we can learn a great deal from the way he lived his life.

"Righteousness – true holiness – is seen *over time* in our persistence. It is relatively easy to 'flirt' with righteousness – being occasionally courteous to other drivers (if you happen to be in a good mood), helping someone in need by opening the door for them (if you have time), throwing a few extra bucks in the offering plate (as long as you won't miss them). But this behavior is in reality superficial righteousness. The righteousness God seeks is a *persistent* righteousness, a commitment to continue making the right decision even when, perhaps hourly, you feel pulled in the opposite direction. Holiness is far more than an *inclination* toward occasional acts of kindness and charity. It is a commitment to persistent surrender before God."

Gary Thomas in Sacred Marriage

*To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, He will give eternal life. Romans 2:7*

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To our West Erwin family, Thank you for your cards, phone calls and prayers. That is what has kept me going these last few months. Please continue them. We love you,

**Louise & Clinton Culpepper**

Dear brothers & sisters of West Erwin, Your prayers have lifted me up through this recovery from this surgery. My goal is to be back with you on July 4. Thank you so much for all the cards & phone calls.

**Carolyn McCune**

Thank you for the prayers and the nice cards on behalf of my brother, Kenneth. We love you all.

**Joe & Betty Willis**

Dear West Erwin family, Thank you so much for the kind expressions of sympathy, phone calls, cards, prayers and the beautiful arrangement on behalf of my mother, Tressie Carty. You are all truly a blessing to us and we will always appreciate the love you have shown us in our times of grief. In Christ,

**Jim & Sue Carty**

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 Daniel Morgan  
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**Sermon & Summer Series CDs**

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**Thanks!**

A big Thank You to **Kyle Willoughby, Don Crawford & Will Christian** for taking turns driving the kids to Day Camp at Camp Deer Run last week. Your effort and willingness to serve is very much appreciated!



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## Moments with Mike

### Do You Believe?

A couple of weeks ago we witnessed two people put on Christ in baptism. Before they were baptized they were asked, "Do you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God?" They answered in the affirmative.

Belief is such an important part of our spiritual being. Even those who do not believe in God believe in something. But the belief that God wants us to have is a belief not only in His Son, but also in His way for us to live.

When Jesus was with the apostles, He asked them who others thought that He was. They answered with several names including John the Baptist and Elijah. Then He asked them who they thought He was.

It was Peter who announced, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" Matt. 16:16. Jesus said that the church would be built upon that confession of belief. What we believe makes a difference.

In the Gospel of John we find the account of Lazarus and his death. When Jesus first arrived He was greeted by Martha and later Mary and both had the same comment to make to Jesus in their grief. "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died" (John 11: 21, 32). They believed in His power to heal.

To Martha, Jesus comforted her with the knowledge that her brother would live again, but she

mistook this for only a spiritual life and not an earthly one. Then Jesus replied, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this" (John 11:25-26).

Her response was similar to that of Peter. "Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is come into the world" (John 11:27).

I watched a video online a week ago where many people were interviewed about their beliefs. Most of them said that they believed in Jesus but mostly as a prophet. Some put Jesus on the same level with Buddha or Mohammad. Others said that they didn't believe in Jesus at all except as an historical figure.

Friends, to believe in Jesus is more than simply to believe that He lived on earth or even that He was sent from God. To believe in Jesus is to believe that He is our path to God, our Savior and our hope.

Sunday morning we will examine belief in the sermon, "Does It Matter What We Believe?" I hope that you will be here for that lesson.

See you Sunday! Mike  
PS. I will be on the Give Me The Bible program again this Sunday at 7 a.m. on KETK channel 56.

2010 Theme  
*We Believe*

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### BACKCOUNTRY TREK

This past week, 17 of us spent the week backpacking in the Pecos Wilderness of New Mexico. On Thursday, we climbed Jicarita Peak. We all made it to the top in record time! That was not the only peak we climbed that week, but we also had the opportunity to climb a "spiritual peak." Thanks to all of you who prayed for us!

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### NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

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devo in the FLC. Everyone going on the Nebraska Mission needs to come to the devo. We will be finished at 9:00

### COMBINED/NEBRASKA DEVO

All of those in the Middle & High School group are invited to the devo this Sunday night, June 27 after church in the FLC. Part of the evening will be talking about & praying for the folks on our mission trip to Nebraska. Please bring \$3 for supper and a friend! We will be finished at 9:00.

### KARING KITCHEN

West Erwin will be hosting the Karing Kitchen on Monday, June 28. This is a great opportunity to serve our community. If you want to help, come about 5:00. We will be finished about 7:00.

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## Nothing Is Impossible with GOD

By Don Crawford

We've all come at this statement from the back door to find something GOD cannot do. We say, "GOD cannot tell a lie." But, in searching for what GOD cannot do have we stripped this statement of it's powerful intent?

We find Gabriel making this statement in Luke 1:37. Gabriel had been down this road before. He knew that GOD was unpredictable. No one could anticipate GOD'S next move. No one can control GOD'S responses. No one can even imagine what GOD will do next. But,

Gabriel, in full faith, could say, "Nothing is impossible with GOD."

Perhaps this is to serve us as a warning statement: Warning! Giving control to GOD may turn your world upside down. Ask Zechariah. Ask Elizabeth. Ask Mary. Ask Joseph. Ask the demon possessed man. Ask the leper. Ask the paralytic. Ask the Centurion. Ask the widow from Nain. Ask the woman who washed His feet with her tears. Ask the man from the Gerasenes. Ask the five thousand who were fed. Ask Lazarus. Ask Zacchaeus. Ask.....

## Growing in Grace by Mike Gravois

Thank you to each of you who came to the VBS planning meeting this past Sunday afternoon. Thank you also to those who expressed an interest in helping with this year's marketplace VBS. So far we have people interested in and committed to running seven of the marketplace shops. There are still many areas where we can use help.

How can I help? We are still looking for a few more people to run shops in the marketplace and lead tribes, or groups of children, through the marketplace (this is a great way to see all of the shops and participate fully in the VBS).

What can I provide? If working with children is not your gift there are many things we need to create the marketplace such as: rugs, pillows, 10' x 10' canopies, any "Egyptian looking" items, and live animals (mice, rats, exotic birds, chickens, roosters, goats, sheep, donkey, pony, calf, camel, etc.). I am looking for a seamstress who can create a Bible times costume for a 6' 5" man.

With a marketplace VBS there is literally something for everyone to do. All you need is willingness. We can take care of the rest. Won't you join us as we bring the bible to life for our younger members and their guests?

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**Glenda & Hugh Mills  
David & Glenda Wright  
Ray Wright**

Thank you all so much for the cards, visits, calls and prayers during and after my surgery. Another thank you to the Tuesday Lunch Bunch for bringing me such wonderful food. I really appreciate my church family.

**Bettye Price**

Dear Family at West Erwin, As we remembered the life of Elizabeth Hughes, our mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, aunt & friend, you uplifted us with your prayers, hugs, calls, cards & flowers. The help from the staff in preparing the building and running the sound system was appreciated. The wonderful meal served us by the ladies of Team 2 in the FLC allowed us to spend a precious while eating and visiting with our family. Thank you for all you did to see us through this time. Your candle throws a bright beam.

**Ray & Carolyn Hughes  
Doug & Sandra Hughes  
Jeanine Hughes**

Thank you for the beautiful flowers you sent to the service for our Mother. Thank you also for the meal you provided us before the service. Both were greatly appreciated. Mom really enjoyed attending your church and we are grateful for all the help and attention you gave her over the years.

**The Family of Frances Moore  
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## Congratulations!

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## With Sympathy

**Kenneth Willis**, brother of Joe Willis, passed away Friday in the Houston area. | Services for **Oren Albright, Jr.**, uncle of Rachel Huff, were Monday in Odessa. Our love & prayers are with these families.

## Address Change

**Opal Cooper**

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Wed. p.m.	305	314	285
Contribution	\$27,641.05	\$23,508.47	\$28,946.12
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**Hospitalized:** **Baylor in Dallas:** Mary Hunt, former member | **Lynn Sherrod**, Glenwood member | **Providence Park:** Dell Lott, mother of Ron Lott | **Olympic Center:** Jan Knight **Updates** Larry Bigham, James Sublette's brother-in-law, will have cancer surgery on his tongue in July. | **Tracy Brown**, uncle of Joey Marse, is having heart problems. | **Louise Culpepper** is now home. | **Carolyn McCune** is now home. | **Shirley McCurley**, sister of Rita Sitton, is undergoing tests. | **Kaitlyn Moorehead**, four-month-old great granddaughter of Roy & Fern Bench, is improving. | **Carol Morgan** is now home. | **Bettye Price** is now home. | **Austin Rachel**, student at Whitehouse, lost his dad, brother & sister in the Arkansas flood while camping. | **West Erwin Family** Milburn Cook | Wini Cullinan | Joe Elerson | Patsy Fisher | Addie Marie Harraid | Tommy Lowrance | Forest & Mary McFadden | Stuart Means | Bettye Price | Molly Lou Terry **Ongoing concerns:** Johnny Anders | Darrell & Nell Beard | Delle Bullard | Kalli Huff | Dub & Opal Mathews | Bill & Ruby McCain | Penny & Wade McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | Maxine Ray | George Richardson | Liz Rogers | Ira & Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods | **Family & Friends:** **Tracy Brown** (heart problems), uncle of Joey Marse | **Beni Carroll**, co-worker of Elaine Fisk | **Pat Gray**, sister of Fran Starnes | **Lawrence Hollaway**, brother of Linda Westerfeld | **Jim Obermeyer**, brother of Elaine Fisk | **Derinda Vaughn**, teenage relative of the Cawyers | **Wilma Wilson**, sister of Dolores Kennedy

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Scripture Terrence Ates  
Dismiss Jay Bynum  
Presiding At The Lord's Table Davy Carter

**SERVING COMMUNION**

Dale White Ira Wilson  
David Wicks Fred Wingate  
Fred Wilkinson Tony Wingate  
Kyle Willoughby Tony Adams

**6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY**

Prayer Jimmy Carty  
Scripture Bud Cawyer  
Dismiss Gene Chandler

**GREETERS**

Scott Hackett & Justin Parrish  
Mike & Kristi Harris & Sydney Parrish  
George & Crystal Hill & Mallori Philpot  
**Visitor Center:** Charles & Bettye Sue Harris  
James & Sue Hughes

**Pick Up Cards for 6/20 & 6/27:** Grant Perkins, Matthew Christian, Keaton Conder, Colton Haile, Caleb DuPree

**Sound Booth-June 20:** Paul Lewis & Jonathan Stone

**Minibus Driver for Sunday and Wednesday:** Don Ingram ph. 903-253-4600. **Please call if you need transportation.**

**Children's Ministry for 6/20:** Nursery a.m.: Sonja Carter  
Toddlers a.m: Amber Chauncey | Toddlers p.m.: Charlotte Cawyer  
Children's Worship: Tony Wingate

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**Moments with Mike**

A couple of weeks ago Carla and I were traveling and a new song came on the radio. It was talking about prayer, but not in the way that you would find in most sermons.

The lyrics of the song tell of how a man went to church and heard the minister preaching on how we should not hate those who do us wrong but pray for them instead. So he takes that advice to some degree and prays for (I'm assuming) his ex-girlfriend.

He prays for her brakes to go out, for something to fall on her head, for her airplane engine to stall out and for her birthday to be forgotten by everyone. Other things, all negative, are on his prayer list as well.

Friends, I hope your prayer life is focused on more positive things than this. We all face frustrations in life and, yes, there will be times when we may feel as this songwriter did. But is that how Jesus expects us to react to people who do us wrong?

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the

**Pray For You**

good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so?" Matt. 5:43-47.

And Paul chimes in on this issue as well in Romans 12. Verse 14 says, "Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse." Later in the passage he quotes from Proverbs 25:21-22, in verse 20, "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head."

The goal of this is summarized in the next verse when he says, "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." Friends, let's be careful to keep the right perspective about those who would oppose God and righteousness. Let's pray for them to be open to the truths of the Bible and let's pray that our lives will always be a positive representation of what it means to be a Christian.

I don't pray for anyone to succeed in doing wrong, nor do I believe God expects us to do so. But I do believe in praying for hard hearts to be softened by the love of those who serve the risen Savior. Friends, how we pray makes a difference, if not in them, then in us.

See you Sunday! Mike

2010 Theme  
*We Believe*

Sermons for June 20, 2010, by Mike Baker  
A.M.: Teach Them To Soar (Prov. 22:6)  
P.M.: Love Without End (Prov. 3:11-13)  
Tune in to KTBB AM 600 Sundays from 7:30-8:00 a.m.  
for *"Our Living Hope."*

"The Church With Heart"

## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### BACKCOUNTRY TREK

This week, 18 of us from West Erwin will be in New Mexico's Pecos Wilderness for our BackCountry Trek. We will be packing into the Jicarita Peak area. Please pray for our safety, good health and good weather. We will return on Saturday, June 19.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL MYSTERY

Our Middle School Madness trip has been officially renamed... to Middle School Mystery! The dates are July 13-16. The details are a mystery and will just have to wait and see! It will be a blast! Sunday is the deadline for signing up.

### NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

We are finalizing plans for the Nebraska Mission Trip. The Dates are July 1-10. We will have a meeting this Sunday afternoon at 5:00 to work on classes. Please meet in the High School Classroom.

### COMBINED/NEBRASKA DEVO

All of those in the Middle & High School group are invited to the devo next Sunday night, June 27 after church in the FLC. Part of the

evening will be talking about praying for the folks on our mission trip to Nebraska. Please bring \$3 for supper and a friend! We will be finished at 9:00.

### KARING KITCHEN

West Erwin will be hosting the Karing Kitchen on Monday, June 28. This is a great opportunity to serve our community. If you want to help, come about 5:00. We will be finished about 7:00.

### GOOFY GAME DAY

All of those in the middle school group are invited to the Goofy Game Day on Thursday, June 24 from 1:00-4:00. Invite a friend and wear tennis shoes!

### IMPORTANT DATES

June 13-19

June 20

June 24

June 27

June 28

July 1-10

July 13-16

July 24-30

BackCountry Trek

Small Groups Meet

Middle School Goofy Game Day

Combined/Nebraska Devo

West Erwin hosts Karing Kitchen

Nebraska Mission Trip

Middle School Mystery

New Orleans Mission Trip

### Mastering a Text

Nothing opens your eyes to an understanding of Scripture like submission to it. The way to master a text of Scripture is not by studying it. The way to master a text is by submitting to it...allowing the text to master you.

Most of us are guilty of trying to understand Scripture without submitting to it. When we do not submit to it we usually suffer the consequences. The suffering of the consequences is what should bring us back to submission.

Case in point: Matt. 18:18 "I tell you the

truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

This is a secondhand theory at best because we have no firsthand experience. Our firsthand experience is missing because we have tried to understand this passage without submitting to it. Furthermore, we will never understand the meaning, it will always remain confusing to us until we submit to it and in our submission is where we find our understanding.

Chew on this, then I'll see you in class on Sunday.  
*Don Crawford*

### Growing in Grace by Mike Gravois

West Erwin Church of Christ Summer VBS

Egypt: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace

Saturday, August 7, 2010 9am-3pm

VBS Planning Meeting this Sunday, June 19 @ 5pm in the Small Auditorium.

Volunteer Sign-Up for this summer's Vacation Bible School is underway. Our VBS will be a one-day marketplace in the Family Life Center. Our goal will be to bring Egypt to life in the minds and hearts of the children that attend. We will be teaching stories from the life of Joseph.

How can you help? We are presently looking for shopkeepers for the Egypt marketplace shops and we are looking for tribal leaders who will lead groups of children through the marketplace.

In the next week or so I will put out a list of items/supplies we wish to borrow to create the Egypt marketplace. If you like to cook, we have some candy recipes we hope to send home with you for our VBS. Do you have animals? Part of this year's VBS will be a petting zoo we hope to feature (large friendly dogs, colt, calf, mice, rats, exotic birds, camels, sheep, goats, chickens, a rooster, etc.). To create the marketplace booths we need pop-up canopies. To decorate we are looking for rugs, carpet, pillows, baskets, exotic fabric, drapes, etc.

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The Wednesday evening Sacred Marriage class is moving to the Heritage Room. This is a discussion class focusing on the idea that God created marriage to make us HOLY, rather than HAPPY. We have had some amazing discussions so far. Why not come and join us this week?

### With Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Carty & Kilgore families on the loss of Jimmy Carty's mother, **Tressie Carty**. Services were last Saturday in Whitewright. | **Bobby Gene Adams**, brother of Wanda Frick, passed away Monday, June 14. Our love, prayers and sympathy are with these families.

### Thank You

Each month I wait too late to thank the Lunch Bunch cooks for all the nice meals we receive each Tuesday. We do appreciate all the meals you have delivered through the years. When one is the caregiver, a good meal is always appreciated. Also, Johnny was surprised when Fred & Marcus came on Friday to bring his birthday cards, cookies and especially the visit. Visitors are greatly appreciated since he can't get out to visit others as he has spent so many years doing. He misses being able to do that and now we really know how much and important those visits were, being on the other side of life. George Whaley was here on Friday repairing our fan and Marcus was able to assist him in that while Johnny & Fred had a wonderful visit. Thank you for the lovely cards and visits. May God continue to bless and keep those of you who love and care for those with long term illnesses. In Christian love,

*Johnny & Jo Anders*

To the West Erwin church, Thank you so much for all the love and care shown to our family and to Dad with the death of my mom. Food, cards and love were given so generously. We love this church and we are truly comforted by your care.

*Danny & Lisa Snell & family & Harvey Strickland*

Dear West Erwin Family, Thank you for my beautiful new Bible. Thank you also for the support and love you have provided throughout the years that I have been here. I look forward to the next couple of years that I will still be able to attend while in Tyler. But even when I embark elsewhere, I am so blessed to know I will always have this family to come back to. Your sister,

*Caylee Stamps*

A big thank you to Danny Snell, Ken Culpepper and all the kids for working and doing a great job outside my home.

*Julia Wilshire*

To the members of our mother's church home- West Erwin Church of Christ, Thank you for having been a part of her life and assisting us in this phase of loss in our lives.

*The Family of Frances Moore  
James, Calista & Arleen*



Jason & Maria Kellenberger

Jesse(15) & Ashley(12)

318 CR 323, Lindale, TX 75771

903.858.1015 | maria3p@hotmail.com

Jason & Maria were baptized June 13 by Jason's father, Lee Kellenberger.

*Welcome to the West Erwin family!*

### Directory Updates

Brenda Stein's New Address:

5825 Thompson Place, Tyler, TX 75707

Caddie Niles' New Phone Number:

903.312.7831

### Upcoming Events of Interest

#### Emory Gospel Meeting

The Church of Christ in Emory invites you to their Gospel Meeting with Jason Rollo from the Lovelady congregation in Lovelady, Texas. It begins Sunday, June 20 and runs through Wednesday, June 23. See the flyer on the news & notes bulletin board by the Small Auditorium.

#### Singing School

You are invited to the 43rd Annual Foundation School of Church Music June 27-July 2 at Twin Oaks Ranch in Buda, Texas. See the brochure on the news & notes bulletin board for more information.

#### Singer's Workshop

The Singing School at Abilene Christian University will be held July 11-16 and topics will include music theory and sight reading, methods of voice strengthening, appreciation for our heritage of music and many others. See the brochure on the news & notes bulletin board.

#### Singing School & Praise Camp

You are invited to the 45th Annual Singing School and Praise Camp conducted by the Haskell Church of Christ July 11-16. See the brochure on the news & notes bulletin board.

**THE** Wednesday Night Summer Series  
*Fruit OF THE Spirit*

June 23, 2010  
Dudley Brookshire  
"Peace"



October 7, 2010	From The Heart of Tyler	Vol. 41- No. 39	
<b>Records</b>	<b>Sunday- Oct. 3</b>	<b>Sunday- Sept. 26</b>	<b>Year Ago</b>
<b>Bible Class</b>	373	398	424
<b>Worship a.m.</b>	646	621	660
<b>Worship p.m.</b>	364	358	406
<b>Wed. p.m.</b>	352	354	320
<b>Contribution</b>	\$31,448.09	\$23,406.25	\$25,644.46
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	\$27,981.00		

**Hospitalized: Children's in Dallas:** Kalli Huff had surgery Sept. 30 to remove a portion of her lung. **ETMC:** Velma Lemons, room. 5813. Scheduled to have surgery 10/8. | **Glynn Lowe**, father of Sharon Hammond, is being treated for congestive heart failure. | **Navoleine Roddy**, mother of Patsy Fisher, room 2514 B after suffering several TIA's. | **Updates Jolie Bench**, daughter-in-law of Roy & Fern, had surgery 10/7 to remove pins from her ankle, foot & wrist. | **James Cox** is now home. | **Clinton & Louise Culpepper** are undergoing tests. | **Phyllis Holleman** has a lung infection. | **Jason Kellenberger** will have surgery 10/22 in Dallas. | **Lee Rainer**, grandfather of DeAnna Ranier, has stopped chemotherapy after his last scan showed his cancer has spread. | **David Stevens**, Bettye Price's brother, is very ill in Temple. | **Mattie Smithey**, sister of Fern Bench, has a sore on her leg that is healing very slowly. | **Betty Willis** is now home after being hospitalized last week. | **West Erwin Family:** Bud Cawyer | Milburn Cook | Wini Cullinan | Clinton & Louise Culpepper | Patsy Fisher | Wanda Frick | Jan Knight | Tommy Lowrance | Wade McDonald | Forest & Mary McFadden | Carol Morgan | Bettye Price | D.L. Thompson | Betty Willis | Ray Womack | *Ongoing concerns:* Johnny Anders | Darrell & Nell Beard | Delle Bullard | Kalli Huff | Archie Kennard | Dub & Opal Mathews | Bill & Ruby McCain | Penny McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | Maxine Ray | Liz Rogers Albritton | Ira & Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods | **Family & Friends:** Nancy Chandler, (ALS), Wanda Cook's daughter, Tom Cook's sister | **Pat Gray**, sister of Fran Starnes | **Brett Finley**, son-in-law of the Womacks | **Aubrey Kinsley** (cancer), brother-in-law of Esther Wilson | **Gary Martin** (Parkinson's), friend of the Cawyers | **L.T. Murry**, father of Jon Murry & Laurie Kimball

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Scripture: Bill White  
Dismiss: Phil Marts  
Presiding At The Lord's Table: Ira Wilson

**SERVING COMMUNION**

Bob Hackett: Sonny Hale  
Scott Hackett: Tom Hale  
Dan Haile: David Hammond  
Preston Haile: James Hardin

**5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY**

Prayer: Fred Wingate  
Scripture: James Sublette  
Dismiss: Buddy Townsend

**GREETERS**

Bobby & Rachel Dingler & Rafael Flores  
David & Wanda Frick & Cody Frick  
Mark & Melissa Frick & Kayla Gallegly  
**Visitor Center:** James & Helen Gullion  
Rob & Carmen Hilliard

**Pick Up Cards for 10/10 & 10/17:** Grant Perkins, Matthew Christian, Keaton Conder, Colton Haile, Caleb DuPree

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**WEST ERWIN CLASSICS**

*In October, West Erwin will celebrate 125 years of serving with heart from the heart of Tyler. We are republishing past ministers' bulletin articles on the front page, which will remind us of our great heritage.*

So Run That You May Obtain the Prize by Jay Lockhart | November 9, 2006

The Apostle Paul likened the Christian life to an athletic event in several passages. In I Corinthians 9:24 he said that as Christians we are running in a race and then said, "Run in such a way that you may obtain it (the prize)."

During the Summer Olympics, which takes place every four years, I like the running events- the races. And in a very close race around the track, I have often thought, "How good would it be if one of the contestants would just leave the track, cut across the field and win the race." Of course, such is impossible and a runner who did it would be disqualified. Everyone knows that "if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules," (2 Timothy 2:5). Even a little child knows this and will say to his playmate who breaks the rules, "That's not fair!"

In athletics, one cannot change the rules to fit his own desires. A football player who is knocked out of bounds a yard short of a touchdown could have made it had the field been one yard wider, but he can't move the out-of-bounds marker! A baseball player who is

thrown out by just one step at first base can't move the base a few feet closer! A basketball player who makes the winning goal one second after time runs out can't add time to the clock! We all understand these things, but do we see the implications in regard to religion? God has set forth in His word how we are to live the Christian life and he has said, "Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard," (2 Timothy 1:13). If we are to run the Christian race successfully so that we may receive the prize, we must compete lawfully-- we are not at liberty to change the "rules" just to fit our human desires. We cannot add to the length of the field or take away from it. We cannot make the playing field wider or more narrow. We cannot move the base closer or further back. Moses said to ancient Israel, "You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it," (Deuteronomy 4:2). Solomon said, "Do not add to His words, lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar," (Proverbs 30:6).

The best advice I could give to anyone is "to run lawfully" in order "that you may obtain the prize." Are we listening?

**"The Church With Heart"**

## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### THANKS!

Thanks to John Shaw for helping with the devo Sunday night. Our next Area-Wide will be Nov. 7 when West Erwin hosts the annual Jr. High Dodgeball Night.

Thanks to all of those helped with the Karing Kitchen this past Monday. The Karing Kitchen Ministry makes a difference in many lives. Please continue to pray for and serve in this outreach opportunity.

### FALL CLASSES

Our teens are in an 8 week study focused on "What We Value" and "What God Values." Don't miss this series as each week will be a building block for the next week. Jeff & Melissa Parrish and John & Terry Shaw will be teaching this series.

Beginning Nov. 3 we are planning to have another series of guys & gals focused classes on issues specific to teens in everyday life.

### LTC

We are making plans for Leadership Training for Christ 2011. The theme this year is "Coming Soon" from the book of Revelation. We will have a sign-up meeting later this fall. Coaches: be thinking about your teams and scripts! Details are "Coming Soon."

### IMPORTANT DATES

**Oct. 17** Small Groups Meet  
**Oct. 23-24** West Erwin's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
**Oct. 31** Fall Festival  
**Nov. 7** Area-Wide Jr. High Dodgeball Game  
**Nov. 19-21** Middle School ZEW Retreat

## Crawford's Clipboard

**"If any one chooses to do GOD'S will, he will find out whether my teachings comes from GOD or whether I speak on my own."**

John 7:17

Did you stop to think about these words? It's in the choosing to do GOD'S will that the understanding comes. In other words, the understanding, then, is the reward of believing because it's in the believing that the decisions are made.

We are not to seek to understand in order to believe, but to believe in order to understand. Therefore

we take the risk of stepping out in faith, or we will never experience the blessings of Christ.

John 8:31 says it another way: "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

Knowing the truth is evidently more than intellectually grasping a concept, it is linked to Jesus who is truth (14:6). It's not about human ignorance needing education; it is sinfulness needing redemption.

## Annual West Erwin Blood Drive

Coming November 7th

## Growing in Grace by Mike Gravois

**Nehemiah 4: The common laborers held a tool in one hand and a spear in the other. Preparedness and perseverance**

Nehemiah thinks the threats of his enemies to attack the builders are more than just hot air. Prayer is backed up by planning. He stations armed guards, divides the work crew up into builders and defenders, and distributes weapons to every worker. He also assigns trumpeters to each work crew so that they can quickly call for help if an attack comes. Some are given double duty: they are guards at night and workmen by day. They sleep in their clothes with weapons at hand. A key phrase is: "and so we kept working." Nehemiah and his crew's commitment to the task is impressive. Even without the threat of an attack their job is a daunting one as they attempt to build a great wall out of rubble. Great accomplishments often include working through opposition and discouragement. It might be said that the greater the goal the more difficult the task. How do I respond in such situations? Do I work with "a tool in one hand and a spear in the other" or do I decide it's too hard and find an easier route? Nehemiah's story teaches us the importance of preparedness and perseverance.

## Anniversary & Homecoming

Make plans now to be present October 24, 2010, as we celebrate our 125th Anniversary! Jay Lockhart will be preaching and we will have a luncheon after services in the Family Life Center. We would like any past members to make plans to attend as well. Letters are available at the Visitor Center for members to send to people that would be interested in sharing in this special day with us. Please plan on sending the letter with a personal note of encouragement to attend.



### With Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Bettye Price on the loss of her brother, **Bill Stevens**. Services were in Bandera, Texas. | Services for **Martha Ann Murphey**, sister of Ila McLemee, were Tuesday in Chandler. Our love & prayers are with these families.

### Mark Your Calendars

**October 31-** Fall Festival at the Family Life Center after evening services.

**November 7-** West Erwin's Annual Blood Drive at the Family Life Center.

### Arms of Hope Needs

Paper Plates and/or Paper Towels

By November 1

OCTOBER 31, 2010

**THE \$1,000,000 SUNDAY**  
THE BIBLE. WE WANT EVERYONE TO GET IT.

RUSSIA & UKRAINE KNOW WHAT IS GOOD FOR THEM. THEY HAVE ASKED US TO PUT BIBLES IN THEIR PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AGAIN. FOR THE FIRST TIME, EEM WILL PROVIDE BIBLES TO TWO STATES IN TWO NATIONS AT ONCE. 1,063 PUBLIC SCHOOLS, OVER 250,000 STUDENTS. WE ARE ASKING CHURCHES OF CHRIST NATIONWIDE FOR \$1,000,000, COLLECTIVELY, SO WE CAN GIVE ALL OF THE SCHOOLS THE BIBLES FOR WHICH THEY ASKED. EASTERN EUROPEAN MISSION ANNOUNCES THE \$1,000,000 SUNDAY FOR OCTOBER 31, 2010. PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER HOW YOU CAN FILL SCHOOLS WITH GOD'S WORD.

Wednesday Night Meal for Oct.13:  
Mexican Food

Please join us for a

# Bridal Shower

Honoring  
**Brittany Carter**  
Sunday, October 17  
3:30-4:30 p.m.  
West Erwin Family Life Center  
Selections at Walmart,  
Target, Home Depot & Bed, Bath  
& Beyond  
(Be sure to note the registry is under  
Brittany L. Carter & Jacob A. Smith or  
Jake Smith and the event is in Oklahoma.)

### WEPS Fundraiser



If you would like to support the West Erwin Playschool, the fall cookie dough fundraiser is underway! Orders may be placed now through October 14. An order

form is available at the Visitor Center or contact Angie Coleman for additional information. The Playschool thanks you for your support!

### New Contact Info

Dear friends & family,  
I wanted to update you on my new address and phone number. I have moved to the Esperanza Independent Living in Conroe. My new address is 502 Riverpointe # 35, Conroe, TX 77304. My phone number is 903-714-1728 and Brent's is 936-228-2230. Love,

*Kathleen Nowell*

**DeAnna Rainer & Christa Ruiz:** 503 Wells, Tyler, TX 75701

**Dennis & Reta Brand:** hobobrand@gmail.com

### Thank You

Dear West Erwin Family, Thank you so much for your prayers, cards and words of encouragement during this difficult time. It is extremely hard to lose my last two grandmothers in such a short period of time. Chris and I could not have gotten through these last few months of sorrow without your love and support. God truly blesses us daily and we appreciate all that you have done. Thank you again,

*Jennie & Chris Ables*

Thanks for the prayers and cards after losing my grandson. Also after my fall and six weeks at home.

*Joann Davis*



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**Updates:** James Cox is now home. | Clinton & Louise Culpepper are undergoing tests. | Rachel Draughon, Debbie Bynum's sister-in-law, is at Baylor in Dallas & had brain surgery Monday. | Kalli Huff will have surgery Sept. 30 to remove a portion of her lung. Aubrey Kinsley, brother-in-law of Esther Wilson, has cancer. | Kathleen Nowell is not doing well and has been moved into an assisted living facility in Conroe. | Bill Stevens & David Stevens, brothers of Bettye Price, are both in hospice care. |

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### The Power of the Word by George H. Stephenson | November 21, 1968

"For the word of God is quick and powerful and sharper than any two edged sword..." (Hebrews 4:12)

God's word has always been a source of power. The Bible teaches that God's word made and upholds the world about us. "By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth." (Psalm 33:6). "Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear." (Hebrews 11:3).

Before God's word was spoken, there was neither light nor life. (Genesis 1:2). Just as God's word brought natural life into existence, His word is also the source of spiritual life. "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." (John 6:63).

The power of the word is seen in the life of Christ. He spoke to the troubled waters, "Peace, be still, and there was a great calm." (Matt. 8:23). He spoke the word and brought sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, and cleansing to the leper. He spoke the word which brought Lazarus, who had been dead four days, from the tomb. Some day, Jesus will speak the word which will restore life to all who

are in the grave. (John 5:28,29). The word of the Lord gives strength to all in whom it abides. "I commend you to God and to the word of his grace which is able to build you up and to give you an inheritance among all them that are sanctified." (Acts 20:32). We are taught to receive with meekness the engrafted word which is able to save your souls." James 1:21).

The Bible contains the word of God. (II Timothy 3:16,17). Good men alone did not write the Bible, because whoever wrote the Bible declared that it was the product of the Holy Spirit. Good men would not have misrepresented. However, evil men did not write it, for it severely condemns evil men, and reveals deceit as low, base and vile. Human wisdom did not produce the Bible, for it contains so much knowledge that human wisdom did not possess at the time the Bible was written. Text books which were used in schools a generation ago are now discarded and out of date but the Bible contains wisdom adequate for our spiritual needs in our day and in every generation.

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## Youth With Heart... *by Danny*

### **THANKS!**

Thanks to all the teens for being a part of the Area-wide Devotional this past Sunday in Longview. Thanks to Mark Frick for going as a sponsor.

Our next Area-Wide will be Nov. 7 when West Erwin hosts the annual Jr. High Dodgeball Night.

### **HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL**

All of those in the High School group are invited to the devo this coming Sunday night. Please bring \$3 and wear your tennis shoes. We will be finished at 8:30.

### **KARING KITCHEN**

West Erwin will be hosting the Karing Kitchen this coming Monday night. If you are interested in helping, be here at 5:00. We serve at 6:00 and finish about 7:00. Our greatest need is folks to help serve and clean up. Thanks for your continued support of this ministry.

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### Inquirers Bible Class

### Will be Hosting a Potluck Lunch

### This Sunday Immediately

### After Worship in the FLC

### Invite the Visitors!

## Righting the Wrongs

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From: The Message  
2 Corinthians 5:20-21

## Growing in Grace *by Mike Gravois*

*Nehemiah 3: The Dung Gate itself was rebuilt by Malkijah son of Recab.*

As the work begins on the big wall rebuilding project, Nehemiah, as general contractor, takes us on a tour of the job site. This is a huge undertaking so he's organized the leading families of Jerusalem to take on different sections of the wall, including some who are rebuilding the gates to the city. We meet Hanun and his team who are rebuilding the Valley Gate and then we come to Malkijah and his crew. Malkijah is an important person among the returned exiles; in fact, he's the mayor of the nearby district of Beth Hakkerem. Just a second, it looks as though Malkijah is taking a short break, maybe we can have a word with him, "Excuse me, your honor, do you have a second?"

"Sure, but not long mind you; there's work to be done."

"Being such an important person in Jerusalem, I imagine you have an important gate to rebuild. So tell me about this gate...is it one of the historic royal gates, used only for the king?"

He smiles and shakes his head.

"Maybe it's used for religious purposes, like the Sheep Gate...or for commerce?"

Malkijah grins at us, "This, my friends, is none other than the Dung Gate."

We are somewhat taken back by this. "Do you mean this gate is primarily used for human waste disposal?" We're surprised that this important man is rebuilding such a lowly gate.

Then Malkijah son of Recab, mayor of Beth Hakkerem says, "But it is an important gate - it's important because it's being rebuilt in the Name of the Lord. Anything you do in his Name is a worthy effort."

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Italian-Bruno's

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honoring

*Jessica Kuechle*

Bride-elect of Adam Cathey

Sunday, October 3, 2010

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Thank you all for the prayers, cards, food and words of encouragement during my surgery. I appreciate everyone!

*Bettye Price*

## Events of Interest

### Seminar at Holly Lake

Holly Lake Church of Christ invites you to The Silencing of God Seminar October 8-10 with Dave Miller. See the brochure on the news & notes bulletin board.

### Gospel Meeting

The Chandler Street Church of Christ invites you to a Gospel Meeting with speaker Kyle Bolton of Keller on October 24-27. See the flyer on the news & notes bulletin board by the Small Auditorium for more information.

Ladies are invited to a Bridal Shower honoring

*Brittany Carter*

Sunday, October 17  
3:30-4:30 p.m.  
West Erwin Family Life Center  
Selections at Walmart,  
Target, Home Depot & Bed, Bath & Beyond

(Be sure to note the registry is under Brittany L. Carter & Jacob A. Smith or Jake Smith and the event is in Oklahoma.)



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<b>Weekly Budget</b>	\$27,981.00		

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When Jesus said, "Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things," he was not telling us that we should never make plans, but that we should not become so burdened by the possible troubles of tomorrow that we cannot live well today. After all, today is all we have--yesterday is past, tomorrow is future and today is ours. So, love well today. What would happen if we made the decision to live well right now? With this in mind, let me suggest some things that we can do today which will transform our lives and the lives of others. Let us resolve that just for today we will:

either-- have a forgiving, compassionate, merciful spirit toward others (Matt. 6: 14-15).

1. Remember who you are. You are imperfect but in Christ you are becoming more like our Master, being "transformed into (his) image" (2 Corinthians 3:18). We are the beloved children of God ever taking upon ourselves the family likeness.

4. Remember to encourage others. We are to be building up, not tearing down (Romans 14:13). Those who fish for crabs tell us that a crab trap (a rectangular box) has no top on it. However, the crabs never get out because when one crab begins to crawl up the side of the trap, the others reach up and pull him back down. Hmm...Be a Barnabas today: "the son of encouragement" (Acts 4:36).

2. Remember what you can do. Jesus said, "Without me you can do nothing" (John 15:5). Paul exclaimed, "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me," (Philippians 4:13). Without Him, nothing; through Him, everything!

5. Remember to look for the good in others. The law of sowing and reaping says what you do to others will come back to you (Galatians 6:7-8)

3. Remember that failure is not fatal. You will fail, but God will forgive (Hebrews 8:12). Failure should not be fatal in the lives of those who disappoint us

6. Remember to be positive. Be positive about yourself. Remember, I can..." Be positive about others. John Wooden, the legendary basketball coach said of his players, "I catch them doing something right." It's just as easy to be positive as negative, and if you're positive, you'll be a lot happier today.

The sign in the nursery lot said, "The best time to plant a tree was 15 years ago. The second best time is today." Just for today...

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny

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### Holy Curiosity

By Don Crawford

If there ever was a person who could be considered a genius it's Albert Einstein. But he said of himself, "I have no special gift. I am only passionately curious."

Most academic programs revolve around force-feeding knowledge rather than unleashing curiosity. We learn some things, but we lose the love of learning and a large part of what we learn we forget. One classic study at a university proves my point. All the summa cum laude graduates were given their final exam one month after graduation. They all failed.

When you force-feed the mind it rarely gets past the short-term memory. So.....what if we stopped force-feeding answers and learned to unleash holy curiosity in the church?

Have you noticed how Jesus uses curiosity to catch people? In John's Gospel Jesus used it with Nicodemus, the Samaritan woman at the well, and an invalid at the pool of Bethesda in chapter 5. "Do you want to get well?" What an unusual question to ask an invalid.

Perhaps asking questions rather than spitting out answers is how we begin using curiosity to point people to Jesus? What do you think?

### Growing in Grace by Mike Gravois

***Nehemiah 2: The God-of-Heaven will make sure we succeed. We're his servants and we're going to work, rebuilding. With God's help anything is possible.***

Upon his arrival in Jerusalem, Nehemiah quietly inspects the walls of the city. Well, it might be better said that he inspects the ruins of the city walls. They were demolished decades earlier. He meets with city leaders and proposes that the next big project be rebuilding those walls and gains their enthusiastic support. As word of this project spreads, we meet Nehemiah's three adversaries: Sanballat, Tobiah, and Geshem. These men are leaders of the area's non-Jewish residents and they oppose the rebuilding of Jerusalem's walls. There is likely a power struggle here. At first, the returning Jews brought welcome capital and man power to the area, but now they threaten to become the dominant residents of the area once again. Nehemiah's reply to them is that in spite of the overwhelming task before them and even in spite of the opposition of these three men that he's assured of success. The reason is that he is doing God's work and that God, Himself, will bring them success. As I hear this declaration of faith from a man standing in the rubble of a city I'm impressed with his absolute trust in God. This isn't some "pie in the sky" situation; this is real work in the most unlikely of circumstances and with real and powerful opposition. Nehemiah doesn't think he can rebuild the wall because he's going to try real hard or because he's going to outsmart his enemies. He's going to do it because God is there to help them. There's a good lesson here for me in all I attempt to do in the name of the Lord. I hope to see you on Sunday as we continue this series of lessons.

### Welcome, New Members!

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### New Books

New titles in the Library by the Alley: *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson and *For One More Day* by Mitch Albom.

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### Cystic Fibrosis Walk



The Great Strides walk for Cystic Fibrosis will be held Saturday, September 25 at Rose Rudman park at 8:00 a.m. There is no entry fee, just your donation and a few hours of your time. It is great fun for the entire family! The walk is in honor of Kalli Huff and all the other 30,000 children & adults with CF. Funds raised go to the CF Foundation for research to find a much needed cure for CF. If interested, contact Rachel Huff at 903.534.8549.



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**Rejoice by Dean Brookshire | August 30, 1962**

"Rejoice in the Lord always: again I say, rejoice." Phil. 4:4. "Blessed are ye when men shall reproach you and persecute you, and say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake." Matt. 5:13

Under all circumstances Christians should be happy, and rejoice. Rightfully, they have more to rejoice about than any one. They have been saved from the penalty of sin. Their names have been written in the Lamb's Book of Life. They can worship in Spirit and in Truth. They can serve and glorify Christ. They can win the lost to Christ. They are assured (by faith) of an eternal home in heaven. Christians are so securely held by the Love of God that nothing can separate them from His love, except themselves.

Every day should be a happy day for Christians. Every day should be a day of rejoicing for Christians. Sin and its effects reaches the Christian's heart and he does not rejoice over these things, but he does rejoice that he may triumph through Christ Jesus.

It is doubtful that many of us are as happy as we are capable of being or as happy as God wants us to be. Some of us today see too many

things wrong with everything, except ourselves. They have capitalized on the faults and weaknesses of others and do not see the good in anything. They worry and fret over others and their general conversation is about others and they almost forget about Christ and His power and His Love. Jesus promised rest to His followers. Christians do not have the rest of heart who are unhappy and see nothing to rejoice about.

A sure way to happiness is to follow the Lord's instructions. Jesus did not call us to be "mote hunters" and "criticizers;" He called us to be soul-winners.

Have you ever experienced the joy of leading a lost person to Christ? Have you had the good happy feeling of telling an erring brother how much you love him and how anxious you are for him to return to the Lord? Soul-winners are happy. We often wonder how missionaries can be happy away from home and good churches. They are happy because they are winning souls to Christ.

Brethren, let us be about the Lord's business as soul-winners and humble servants and we can be happy and rejoice now and forever.

"The Church With Heart"

## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### THANKS...

Thanks to Jeff & Pam Fennell and David & Sharon Hammond for hosting the middle school devo this past week!

Thanks to Randy Turner for helping teach the teens on Wednesday nights. Thanks to Ernest Bennett and David Wicks for teaching the Middle School class this Fall.

### AREA-WIDE GATHERING

Sunday night Sept. 26, will be our first Area-Wide Teen Gathering this Fall. Churches from all over the East Texas area will be coming to the Pine Tree Church in Longview for the evening. You will need \$3 for supper. We are taking the bus. We are leaving at 5:00 and will return at 9:00. To make sure we have ample transportation arrangements, we need you to **sign up by Sunday morning, Sept. 26.** Invite a friend and don't miss it!

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### Logical vs Theological

Have you ever noticed Tyler's very long traffic lights have a way of testing your patience? After you sat there for four and a half minutes your turn signal turns green and the one in the first car is day dreaming. Even if all the drivers are on their toes only four cars can get through the light before it changes back to red. Life is just too short to sit at green lights!

Two thousand years ago, Jesus said, "Go" (Matt. 28:19). So why are so many of us waiting for the green light we've already been given? Where did this red light syndrome come from? Are we so afraid of doing the wrong thing that we never do the right thing? We can overanalyze

until it paralyzes. Constantly trying to logically figure out the will of GOD will keep us sitting at our imaginary red light. Why? Because the will of GOD is not logical. It's theological. It adds GOD into the equation and our left brain human calculators can't logically follow.

Discerning the will of GOD can be a struggle. Even after prayer and fasting it still may involve a difficult decision. Our answer is tucked away in Romans 12:2- "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what GOD'S will is — his good, pleasing and perfect will."

By Don Crawford

## Growing in Grace by Mike Gravois

Thank you Bible Class teachers! Thank you for the time and energy spent preparing lessons. Thank you for the sacrifices you make in other areas to prepare and bring God's Word to us. Thank you for drawing us into a closer walk with God. For all that you do, thank you!

In our lessons on the life of David which we are studying on Wednesday evening in the Main Auditorium, we learned a significant truth from *Judges 2:10*.

*"After that whole generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation grew up who knew neither the LORD nor what He had done for Israel."*

Israel was facing tough times and it was because they had not taught their children about God. Please don't take Bible study for granted. Join one of our classes on Sunday and Wednesday and make sure your children learn about God every day.

Let us hold to the promise of *Hebrews 10:19-25*. I hope to see you in Bible class.

### With Sympathy

Services for Paula Bedwell, sister-in-law of Beverly Hale, were this week in Georgia. | Services for Deanna Hodge, granddaughter of Jasper & Joanna Huff & cousin of Krista & Kalli Huff, were last Saturday in Ft. Worth. Our love, prayers & sympathy are with these families.

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Paper Plates and/or Paper Towels  
By November 1

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### New Books

New titles in the Library by the Alley: *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson and *For One More Day* by Mitch Albom.

### Thank You

Thank you so much for the birthday cards, anniversary, etc. We are now back in our home after being away for awhile. We appreciate your prayers of encouragement; especially do we appreciate the work that J.R. & Sylvia Tharpe & Bryce Murry are doing at Rosewood Estates. It is so needed for those who are "shut-ins." Our son and daughter-in-law are seeing after us, but we still miss being with our brothers & sisters in Christ. In Him,

Darrell & Nell Beard  
903-839-6388

Dear church family & friends, Thank you so much for all the calls, visits, cards & especially the prayers following my recent surgery & recovery. The Tuesday lunches were greatly appreciated.

Geri Moore

Dear West Erwin family, Thank you so much for all the prayers, cards, visits & thoughts. The Hand of God is for sure involved in my recovery. I look forward to coming back to worship & serve.

Tom Cook



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**From the Preacher's Desk | George H. Stephenson- December 31, 1970**

The ending of one year and the beginning of another should cause us to think seriously about the meaning and purpose of life. James said, "For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." (James 4:14)

When we are young we think that each year is a long period of time, but as we grow older we realize that life in deed is "as a vapor." It seems just a brief time since those who are now old were young. As the years go by, more and more of those we have known and loved are taken by death.

Since life is brief, every day of every year should be lived to the fullest. Let us remember that life itself is a gift of God. God has granted us the privilege of living and enjoying the bountiful blessings of this wonderful world. Take time to enjoy your friends and loved ones. Express your appreciation for them while you have them. "Give them flowers while they live."

We should remember that the important thing is not how long we live, but how well we live. Philip James Bailey said, "We live in deeds,

not years, in thoughts, not breaths, in feelings, not in figures on a dial. We should count time by heart throbs. He most lives who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best."

Life is filled with countless decisions. Let us seek God's guidance in making every decision of life. The greatest of all decisions is made when we choose to serve God. Joshua said, "Choose you this day whom ye will serve...but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:15).

Someone was asked, "What would you do if you knew this were your last year to live?" He replied, "I would live just one day at a time." This is the best way for each of us to live. It is wise to make provision for the future, but let us heed the Bible injunction to say, "If it is the Lord's will we will do thus and so." One day will be our last day. Let us live each day as if it were our last day, and then we will find ourselves ready when that day comes. Yesterday is past and tomorrow is always in the future. Let us make the most of today. "Today, if you will hear his voice, harden not your hearts." (Hebrews 3: 15).

**"The Church With Heart"**

## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### THOUGHTS...

As we focus on the Gospel of John this Fall... I am intrigued by this passage from John 3:4.... "for God gives the Spirit without limit..." What an amazing blessing! The Spirit of God, in us... without limit! Let's be careful that we don't limit what God wants to do with us... and within us.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVO

All of those in the middle school group are invited to the devo this coming Sunday night after services in the FLC. We will be finished at 8:30. Please bring \$3 and wear tennis shoes. Invite a friend to join us!

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If you have any gently used men's professional clothing items and would like to participate please take them to the Men's Warehouse this month. That includes slacks, sport coats, dress shirts, and dress shoes. Thank you for all your help.

### Adult Bible Classes

Our first potluck and tour of the WE facility was a great success. We had plenty of good food and fellowship. Six went on the tour afterward.

Next month, my class is hosting it on the first Sunday. Get your class to pick a first Sunday in the month and let me get your class on the schedule!

### Sunday Preparation

Read John 3

Continue to pray & fast for GOD'S direction.

### Growing in Grace

by Mike Gravois

Below is the 2010 Fall Quarter Bible Classes. Please find one to attend!

### Sunday Morning

**Explorers-Main Auditorium**

Forest McFadden

*Striving to Know Abraham's Almighty God*

**Searchers- Small Auditorium**

Stan Clark | Bob Paul

*Christian Service . . . It's a VERB!*

**Conquerors-Heritage Room**

Bud Cawyer

*Romans*

**Spanish Bible Class- Annex**

Israel Sandoval

*The Gospel of John*

**Discoverers- Room 112**

Jerry Mitchell | Clay Kinser | Todd

Kempton

*James*

**Couples for Christ-Room 302**

Danny Snell

*What's in a Name?*

**Young Adults/Singles- Room 306**

Randy Stancill

*Jesus from the Sycamore Tree*

**Inquirers-Office Complex, 403**

Don Crawford

*Milk, Meat, and Honey*

**Young Families -Annex**

Ray Vannoy

*Twelve Steps for the Recovering Pharisee*

### Wednesday Evening

**Adults- Main Auditorium**

Mike Gravois

*David: A Man After God's Own Heart*

**Ladies' Class- Office Complex, 403**

Nora Gravois

*A Light in the Darkness: A Study of Elijah and Elisha*

**Singing Class- Heritage Room**

Larry Murphey

**Young Adults/Singles-Room 306**

Greg Jones

*C.S. Lewis- "The Screwtape Letters"*

**Spanish Bible Class- Annex**


Israel Sandoval

*1st & 2nd Peter*

*Copies of the Bible class schedule are available at the Visitor Center and at the tables/kiosks at the entry way doors.*

*Wednesday Night Ladies Class  
for Fall Quarter*

**A LIGHT** *In the darkness*  
Cassandra Martin



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*The Ron Lott Family*

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**Whitney Bobbitt**

2313 Birch, Tyler, TX 75701

**Rachel, Krista & Kalli Huff**

8208 Columbia Drive, Tyler TX 75703

Rachel's new cell #: 903.570.9913



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 Call to worship Don Crawford  
 Prayer Kenneth Muncy  
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**SERVING COMMUNION**  
 Clinton Culpepper Sean Denman  
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 Prayer Aubrey Morman  
 Scripture Marc Philpot  
 Dismiss Bob Paul

**GREETERS**  
 Terrence & Jeanie Ates & Brianna Bradshaw  
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**Children's Ministry for 9/5:** Nursery a.m.: Evelyn Muncy  
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## WEST ERWIN CLASSICS

In October, West Erwin will celebrate 125 years of serving with heart from the heart of Tyler. We are republishing past ministers' bulletin articles on the front page, which will remind us of our great heritage.

### Worship By Jay Lockhart | August 13, 1987

People differ in their views of worship. Some love worship, others tolerate worship, while still others care little or nothing about worship. Some get much out of worship, others get something, while still others get little or nothing.

What we get from worship is in direct proportion to our attitude toward worship and what we put into it.

I must say that I love worship! Like David, I am "glad when they 'say' unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord," (Psalm 122:1).

Worship helps me in my consciousness of the glory and majesty of God and what He has done, is doing and will do for me. Worship helps me focus on the beauty of Jesus, my Savior and Lord. Worship is an opportunity to reach up in praise, thanksgiving and petition as I identify with One greater than myself and fulfill a basic

human need. Worship is a time of togetherness with people with whom I share the "like precious faith." I enjoy reaching across to my brethren in fellowship as I worship. Worship gives opportunity to reach within in self-examination and is a time of confession, penitence and rededication.

Worship revives my spirit and prepares me to more adequately meet life and fulfill my ministry. Worship is a time for witnessing changed lives as we see people baptized, restored, strengthened by prayers, placing membership for effective service, and leaving the place of worship with renewed commitment.

God has purposed that worship accomplish wonderful things and I love worship because I long for the fulfillment of every one of those divine purposes. I look forward to this Sunday and the joy of worship with you!

"The Church With Heart"

## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### THANKS...

Thanks to all of the positive comments from the assembly this past Sunday night. Thanks to Matthew Kimball, Justin Parrish, Chase Mink, Spencer Shaw & Larry Murphy for leading our worship time.

Our time together this past Sunday night for our fellowship dinner was really good! Thanks to all of you who helped set up, brought food and cleaned up.

### THOUGHTS...

As you prepare for our time together this Sunday, read John 2 and ask Him to bless our study of John.

*John 20:30-31*

*Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.*

### West Erwin Children's Promotion

GOD has provided West Erwin with a great teaching team who spend many hours preparing to teach our children. Below are their names who teach from Cradle Roll through 5th Grade. Be sure to tell them how much you appreciate them.

Jeanine Hughes, Nerene Ingram, Rhonda Haws, Sharon Hammond, Sue Skipper, Carolyn Welborn, Rita Sitton, Julia Wilshire, DeAnna Rainer, Dottie Setzler, Gay Townsend, Diane Weathers, Martha Sandoval, Will & Stephanie Christian, Cathy Stowers, Sharon Beaver, Larisa Mitcham, Linda Benetiz, Anabel Sandoval, Chad & Amber Chauncey, Charlotte Cawyer, Carolyn Blackstone,

### FALL CLASSES

This fall our teen classes will be having some special studies. We are planning to have another series of guys & gals focused classes and also a special series focused on what God has to say about money. We will update you soon on more details.

### OUT TO EAT

Join us this Sunday night after church at Ken's Pizza across from the mall. All middle & high school families are invited to eat together that night. We should be finished by 8:00. We can provide transportation there but parents need to pick you up at Ken's.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Sept. 5 **Out To Eat**  
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Karen Lopez, Ashley Sustaire, Donni Cook, Jeanie Ates, Melissa & Jeff Parrish, Kim DuPree, Angie Hudnall, Linda Westerfeld, Donna Mullins, Lindsey Lott, Evelyn Keaton, Mindy Marse, Ruth Anne Morgan and Wendy Culpepper.

**Tots for Christ** - David & Ginny Wicks and Barry Scarborough

**Bible Hour**- Blackstones, Lindseys and Gravois

**Kids for Christ**: Nancy Crawford

**Children's Worship** is directed by Ginger Pippin and teaching is shared by parents and friends.

Thanks for your willingness to serve!

### Growing in Grace by Mike Gravois

<sup>22</sup> *'I have found David son of Jesse a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.'*

Acts 13:22 (NIV)

King David. Few men dominate scripture like David. Prophecies of his kingdom begin in Genesis and the ultimate fulfillment of his legacy is shouted in Revelation. For the Jews, he is the zenith of Israel's glory. David and his kingship represent Israel at its finest – and at its worst. In David, Israel held a reflection of the spiritual kingdom another King would bring to them.

In David, we also find a reflection of ourselves. In him we see the best we can be – the fruit of a Spirit-filled life, intimacy with God, love, forgiveness, triumphant good in the face of evil. In him we see the worst that we are – a struggling parent, an unfaithful spouse, a disquieted heart mired in sin and frustrated by indecision. Through David, through all the glory and all the struggles, we see God – loving, forgiving, blessing, and disciplining. Please join us on Wednesday evenings as we look at the life of a man after God's own heart.

Insert your name here:

*I have found \_\_\_\_\_ to be a man/woman after my own heart:*

*\_\_\_\_\_ will do everything I want him/her to do.*

### Anniversary & Homecoming

Make plans now to be present October 24, 2010, as we celebrate our 125th Anniversary! We would like any past members to make plans to attend as well. Letters will be available soon for members to pick up to send to people that would be interested in sharing in this special day with us. More details to come!

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### Arms of Hope Golf Tournament

Save the date for the Arms of Hope Charity Drive Golf Tournament at Woodbridge Golf Club on October 4. See the flyer on the news & notes bulletin board.

### New Numbers

New cell phone numbers for the Bakers:

Mike: 615.972.3601

Carla: 615.972.3602

Jonathan: 615.972.3604

Joseph: 859.585.1333

### Young At Heart

Seniors 55+ are invited to the YAH Meeting September 9 at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center for a potluck Mexican Fiesta! Entertainment will be provided by our own Stan Clark! Make plans now to be there!

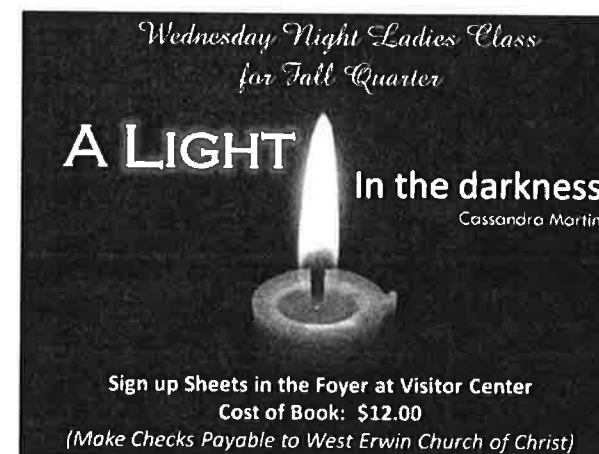
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#### Office Closed

The church office will be closed Monday, September 6, for Labor Day.



### Welcome New Members!

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Azalea Place Nursing Home, Room 58 & 60

903.595.6009

Paul Miller

821 R. Roberston Ave. Apt. A, Tyler, TX 75701

903.335.9845

*We welcome you to the West Erwin family!*

The first Books & Bindings Book Club meeting will be Tuesday, September 28 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Jeanine Hughes. All ladies are invited.

### Response

Terry Jackson responded Sunday asking for prayers for himself and his family as his past continues to haunt him. Please continue to pray for Terry & encourage him when you see him.

### With Sympathy

We express our deepest sympathy to John Cliver on the loss of his sister-in-law, Lee Cliver. Services were Friday in Malakoff. | Services for Ray Lott, father of Ron, were Friday at Stewart Funeral Home. Our love & prayers are with the family.

### Health Conference

UT Tyler Health & Kinesiology Department is hosting a Prostate Heath Initiative for Gregg & Smith Counties Conference Friday, September 17 from 8:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Contact Terrence Ates for more information at 903.565.5926 or tragemini@yahoo.com. The brochure containing more information is posted on the news & notes bulletin board by the small auditorium.

### Thank You

Dear West Erwin Friends, It's hard to find the words to thank you for all your prayers, visits and food during our recent recovery. You are truly a thoughtful and loving congregation.

Lynn & Marjorie Sherrod

Thank you so much for your kind hearted and generous thoughtfulness in sending the lovely flowers in honor of our Ruth. Your prayers and support are so greatly appreciated at this time. In Him,

Jimmy & the Boys



Records	Sunday- Aug. 22	Sunday- Aug. 15	Year Ago
Bible Class	423	421	425
Worship a.m.	662	651	634
Worship p.m.	417	431	395
Wed. p.m.	313	330	293
Contribution	\$25,894.09	\$24,341.25	\$21,734.50
Weekly Budget	\$27,981.00		

**Hospitalized & Updates:** **ETMC:** Tom Cook, rm. 4413 | **Ray Lott**, Ron's father, fell & suffered a broken hip, rm. 3316 | **Brittany Carter** was able to be at West Erwin services Sunday after being hospitalized in a biking accident. | **Andy Durham**, 15-year-old grandson of Don and Norma, is meeting with doctors at Children's Hospital in Dallas on Thursday, Aug. 26th, to address a kidney problem and another problem that Andy is having. | **Shane Durham & Norma Durham** received good reports after testing. | **Kalli Huff** will have surgery some time next month to remove a portion of her lung. | **West Erwin Family:** Milburn Cook | Wini Cullinan | Louise Culpepper | Patsy Fisher | Wanda Frick | Jan Knight | Tommy Lowrance | Carolyn McCune | Forest & Mary McFadden | Geri Moore | Carol Morgan | Bettye Price | Betty Willis | *Ongoing concerns:* Johnny Anders | Darrell & Nell Beard | Delle Bullard | Kalli Huff | Archie Kennard | Dub & Opal Mathews | Bill & Ruby McCain | Penny & Wade McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | Maxine Ray | Liz Rogers | Ira & Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods | **Family & Friends:** **Nancy Chandler**, (ALS), Wanda Cook's daughter, Tom Cook's sister | **Pat Gray**, sister of Fran Starnes | **Brett Finley**, son-in-law of the Womacks | **Michael Johnston** (colon cancer), brother of Cathy Stowers | **Richard Napier**, (double lung transplant), friend of Mary Adams

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Call to worship: Danny Snell  
Prayer: Carlos Morgan  
Scripture: Carroll Magee  
Dismiss: Leon Welborn  
Presiding At The Lord's Table: Jon Murry

**SERVING COMMUNION**

Clinton Culpepper: Sean Denman  
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Harold Denman: Daniel DuPree

**6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY**

Service to be led by the young men of the youth group.

**GREETERS**

Fred & Sandra Wingate & Will Weathers  
Ray & Carolyn Womack & Kyler Whatley  
Arnold & Agnes Ables & Reagan Whatley  
**Visitor Center:** Tony & Mary Adams  
Burney Wilson

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Toddlers a.m.: Camille Mink | Toddlers p.m.: Mary Lockhart  
Children's Worship: Laurie Stone



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**Love Abounding** by Dean Brookshire | April 26, 1962

Phil. 1:9-11, "And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and discernment; so that ye may approve the things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and void of offence unto the day of Christ. Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are through Jesus Christ, unto the praise and glory of God."

The church at Philippi must have been a great one, because Paul had less criticism for it than he did any other church. In spite of their greatness he urged them to grow in love. He prayed that their love might abound yet more and more. The word abound suggests the idea of getting full and running over. As long as we live in this life it is possible to grow in love. When a Christian's love wanes he is not growing or going on toward heaven. The Christian grows more in the divine nature of God by causing his love to abound than in any other way. God is love and if we expect to live in heaven with Him we must be filled with love too.

The Philippians were exhorted to grow in knowledge too. The Christians' love must be an intelligent love. Without knowledge there can be no genuine love. Love works in two ways, it either repels or draws. Even the love of God does not draw all men unto Him, nor keep all Christians faithful unto Him. God's love would compel them to do things they do not want to do, hence they are driven

away from Him rather than drawn unto Him.

The greatest commandment in the law, according to Jesus, "is to love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." This, of course, takes in all of one's faculties. This causes one to surrender all of his own ways in favor of God's ways. Sinners are saved by a reciprocal love. God loves us and He expressed it. We must love God and express it too. "For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandment; and His commandments are not grievous."

The Apostle wanted the Philippians to have a discerning love. He said, "In knowledge and discernment." We must learn to discern between things worthy of our love and things unworthy of our love. We are told to love not the things of the world, and in another place we are told to set our mind on things above (heavenly things). A discerning love enables us to approve the things that are excellent. Nothing is worthy of our love that will condemn the soul. Much is being said today about the condition of the world (or the people). There is nothing wrong with us that Scriptural love will not heal. We have learned to love the wrong things. Many of our children are being taught to love the wrong things. This is being done mainly because our love is not an abounding one.

"The Church With Heart"

## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### THOUGHTS...

As we begin this time of transition in the pulpit, Mike Gravois, Don Crawford and I will be working as a team to deliver the Sunday sermons. I believe that God has great opportunities in store for West Erwin. Don and I are excited about sharing the Gospel of John with you this Fall. As we focus on our study of John, come prepared by reading the chapter before hand. I believe that God will bless us richly as we get into His Word. Consider the following:

*John 20:30-31*

*Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.*

### END OF SUMMER PRESENTATION

This Sunday night will be our end of the Summer Youth Presentation. Some of our teens will be leading the worship service

that night and we will share with you the journey our teens took this summer. Wear your mission trip shirt!

### KARING KITCHEN

Thanks to all those who helped with the Karing Kitchen this past Monday. We served a crowd of about 145. Our next time to host is Oct. 4.

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### Potlucks Return!

By Don Crawford

Potlucks have returned via our Sunday morning Bible classes. On the first Sunday of each month one of the Bible Classes will be having a potluck lunch in the Family Life Center immediately after worship. This brings together a fellowship time for the class, plus a very special time to invite our visitors to a meal and tour of the church facilities.

The first one is September 5. Ray Vannoy and the Couples for Christ Class will be hosting it. The second one is scheduled

for October 5 and Don Crawford's class will be hosting it.

All other Bible classes need to pick a first Sunday and schedule it through me. If your class is small and you want to combine with another class that would be great! Make your plans to enjoy this fellowship and participate in a special outreach to our visitors.

### Thought For the Day

Once you learn to quit, it becomes a habit.

## Growing in Grace

by Mike Gravois

### 2010 Fall Quarter Bible Classes

#### Sunday Morning

Explorers-Main Auditorium

Forest McFadden

*Striving to Know Abraham's Almighty God*

Searchers- Small Auditorium

Stan Clark | Bob Paul

*Christian Service . . . It's a VERB!*

Conquerors-Heritage Room

Bud Cawyer

*Romans*

Spanish Bible Class- Annex

Israel Sandoval

Discoverers- Room 112

Jerry Mitchell | Clay Kinser | Todd

Kempton

*James*

Couples for Christ-Room 302

Danny Snell

*What's in a Name?*

Young Adults/Singles- Room 306

Randy Stancill

*Jesus from the Sycamore Tree*

Inquirers-Office Complex, 403

Don Crawford

*Milk, Meat, and Honey*

Young Families-Annex

Ray Vannoy

*Twelve Steps for the Recovering*

*Pharisee*

### Wednesday Evening

Adults- Main Auditorium

Mike Gravois

*David: A Man After God's Own Heart*

Ladies' Class- Office Complex, 403

Nora Gravois

*A Light in the Darkness: A Study of*

*Elijah and Elisha*

Singing Class- Heritage Room

Larry Murphey

Copies of the Bible class schedule will be available at the Visitor Center and at the tables/kiosks at the entry way doors.

### Name Badges

Please continue to wear your name badge at each worship service. We would like everyone to wear their badge at our 125th Anniversary service in October. Let's get in the habit now! If you lost yours or never received one, contact the office at 903.592.0809 or office@westerwin.org.

### Bible Lectureship

The Longview Church of Christ invites you to their 18th Annual Bible Lectureship August 27-29. See the flyer on the news & notes bulletin board.

### New Cards

You will notice new cards in the backs of the pew in front of you at worship service. Now, instead of two cards, there is one card with the member portion on one side and the visitor portion on the other side. Also, there is a brown card for prayer requests. The member/visitor cards and prayer request cards will be picked up at the appropriate time. The yellow cards should be filled out by those interested in membership and should be given to an elder.

### Arms of Hope Golf Tournament

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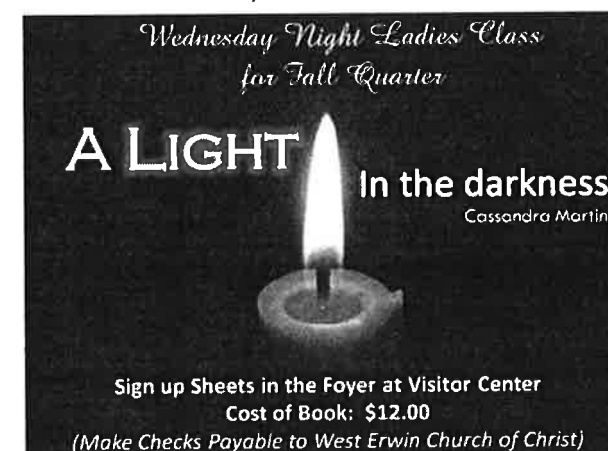
The Lost & Found cabinet in the Main Foyer is filling up. Please claim your lost items.

#### Deacons

All Deacons: Please be at the Family Life Center Sunday, Aug. 29, at 4:30 p.m. to set up for the All Church Fellowship.

#### Bible Hour

Bible Hour will not meet this Sunday, August 29, so the children can be in the youth led service.



## All Church Fellowship

# Aug. 29

After evening services in the FLC!  
Bring sandwiches, chips & desserts.

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### Thank You

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**Andres Saucedo**

Thank you so much for the love, visits and prayers you of the church family, have given to me during my time of healing. God bless.

**Mary Ruth Cox**

### Young At Heart

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Prayer: Stan Mallory  
Scripture: Lee Kellenberger  
Dismiss: Ray Vannoy  
Presiding At The Lord's Table: Jerry Mitchell

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Children's Worship: Jodie Albritton



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## Moments with Mike

### See You

Each week on my radio program I began by saying, "It's Sunday! Are you ready to worship God?" Each program included a personal invitation to join us in Bible study and worship. And each week in the bulletin I would end by saying, "See you Sunday."

Our connections as Christians are certainly not limited to our time on Sunday, but that is a very important part of our time together. We need to be together, to see each other.

Over the past three years we have been able to see one another, worship together and encourage each other. It has been a privilege to be the pulpit minister at West Erwin and we pray for the church here to always be faithful to God's word and to continue to be known for great works.

We solicit your prayers as we travel this week to our new home in Nashville, TN. I'm really looking forward to starting my new position as Involvement and Outreach Minister at the Crieve Hall Church of Christ. Our address will be 416 Blackman Road, Nashville, TN 37211.

We appreciate the cards and well wishes we have received over the past several days. There are many wonderful people here and we treasure your friendship.

Some people spoke about traveling to Nashville

and dropping in on us and others talked about possibilities of us being back in the Tyler area in the future. But the one comment that brought it home to me was from my dear friend, Dean Brookshire, 96. He simply said, "I'll be waiting in heaven for you."

I've spoken often of my three goals. 1. I'm going to heaven. 2. I'm going to take as many with me as possible (through teaching and influence). 3. I don't want to be a stumbling block to anyone's spiritual understanding.

My sincere desire is for everyone to go to heaven. I know that in reality many people I know will not make it, but that doesn't keep me from praying for them. I want them to learn of salvation through obedience to the gospel. And I want them to begin a journey of spiritual growth that will lead them to a life of influencing many others to come to Christ.

Ultimately, like Dean, I want to see everyone in heaven, and what a wonderful thought that is! Just imagine the scene as a great reunion commences and friends from every location and every stage of our lives begin to gather together. Won't it be great to see each other there?

"Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always in every way. The Lord be with you all" (2 Thess. 3:16.) Looking forward to seeing you! Mike.

2010 Theme  
*We Believe*

Sermons for August 22, 2010  
A.M.: Don Crawford  
P.M.: Mike Gravois

"The Church With Heart"

## Youth With Heart... *by Danny*

### END OF SUMMER PRESENTATION

Sunday night, Aug. 29 will be our End of the Summer Youth Presentation. Some of our teens will be leading the worship service that night and we will share with you the journey our teens took this summer. I do need your help... If you have pictures from the summer trips, I need a copy of those to use in the video presentation. Please get that to me this Sunday. My camera has gone AWOL... I suspect in the back of a rental car in Miami. So... pray for its recovery and bring me some pictures!

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### KARING KITCHEN

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### FALL CLASSES

This fall our teen classes will be having some special studies. We are planning to have another series of guys & gals focused classes and also a special series focused on what God has to say about money. We will update you soon on some special details.

### IMPORTANT DATES

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Aug. 29	All Church Dinner
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## Pre-Decisions

By Don Crawford

I was reading about decision-making processes the other day and found this discussion about pre-decisions. Pre-decisions are the decisions you make before you have to make the decision. Pre-decisions help us make right decision when the decisions are really tough ones. If we choose not to make pre-decisions then we may easily end up making lots of bad decisions because we crashed in a circumstances instead of sticking to our pre-decisions. Think it through with me. This is

not double talk. We are called to make pre-decisions about chastity, experimenting with drugs, drinking, lying, using crude or vulgar language, and even Bible reading, serving, and giving. Pre-decisions are probably the most important decisions we make.

If I'm called on to lead public prayer again, I will not turn them down; if I'm called on to help someone, I'll not say, "I already have plans" when I really don't; if I am convicted by the Word of GOD then I will respond the next time. It's all about pre-decisions. We make them in good conscience, lets keep them.

## Growing in Grace *by Mike Gravois*

Ladies, may I have your attention please? The Wednesday Evening Ladies' Bible Class for this fall will be:

**A Light in the Darkness: A Study of Elijah and Elisha** by Casandra Martin. If you would like to be a part of this class there is a sign-up sheet at the information booth in the church foyer. We ask you to sign up if you are interested in being part of this class so we can order a book/study guide for you. The cost of the book is \$12. Please make checks payable to the West Erwin Church of Christ. Would you be willing to be a small group discussion leader? If so, please contact Nora Gravois at 903.894.7149.

Starting in September, Forest McFadden will begin teaching a new Bible class on Sundays in the Main Auditorium entitled, **Striving to Know Abraham's Almighty God**. The name "Almighty God" is used 48 times in the Old Testament and 9 times in the New Testament. The purpose of this study is to take a closer look at who God is, His almighty power, and what He means to us in today's world.

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### Arms of Hope Golf Tournament

Save the date for the Arms of Hope Charity Drive Golf Tournament at Woodbridge Golf Club on October 4. See the flyer on the news & notes bulletin board. Register online at armsofhope.com.

### Time Change

Starting September 5, Sunday evening services will begin at 5:00 p.m.

### Lost & Found

The Lost & Found cabinet in the Main Foyer is filling up. Please claim your lost items.



### Wednesday Night Summer Series

August 25, 2010

Mike Gravois

## Welcome, New Member

**Karen Benitez**, niece of Martha Sandoval, placed membership Sunday. Her address is 3042 CR 2347, Tyler, TX 75708. Welcome to the West Erwin family, Karen!

## Library Additions

Recent additions to the Adult Library include several new CDs and a collection of sermons by Batsell Barrett Baxter on cassette tape. Look in the new books section of the Adult Library.

## All Church Fellowship

# Aug. 29

After evening services in the FLC!  
Bring sandwiches, chips & desserts.

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## Thank You

Our infirmities of the flesh have not exceeded your thoughtfulness, kindness & graciousness toward us over the past month. Thank you so much for your prayers, visits, food & cards. We miss seeing you.

*Forest & Mary McFadden*

## With Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of **Ruth Harris**, who passed away Tuesday. Our love and prayers are with the family.



## WEPS Now Enrolling

School begins September 7

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Bible Class	409	374	387
Worship a.m.	638	646	584
Worship p.m.	390	413	390
Wed. p.m.	325	200	312
Contribution	\$32,189.43	\$22,104.97	\$28,229.52
Weekly Budget	\$27,981.00		

**Hospitalized:** ETMC: Tom Cook, ICU Room 3371 | **Health South:** Mary Ruth Cox | **Mother Frances Hospital:** Judy Anders, mother of Lara Reynolds | **Henry McRuiz** | **Sammy Wood**, West Erwin visitor, suffered a heat stroke. | **Updates:** Joli Bench, Roy & Fern's daughter-in-law, had surgery Friday to set bones in her ankle and wrist. | **Brittany Carter**, daughter of Davy & Sonja, was in a biking accident and is hospitalized at the University of Arkansas Medical Science Center in Little Rock. She has a lacerated spleen, broken clavicle and is in pain at this time. | **Kalli Huff** will see a surgeon on August 16 for evaluation for further treatment. | **With Sympathy:** Our deepest sympathy is extended to JoAnn Davis on the loss of her grandson, **Daniel Lynch**, who died Wednesday of a heart attack in Houston. **West Erwin Family:** Milburn Cook | Wini Cullinan | Louise Culpepper | Patsy Fisher | Wanda Frick | Jan Knight | Tommy Lowrance | Carolyn McCune | Forest & Mary McFadden | Geri Moore | Carol Morgan | Bettye Price | Betty Willis | **Ongoing concerns:** Johnny Anders | Darrell & Nell Beard | Delle Bullard | Kalli Huff | Dub & Opal Mathews | Bill & Ruby McCain | Penny & Wade McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | Maxine Ray | Liz Rogers | Ira & Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods | **Family & Friends:** Nancy Chandler, (ALS), Wanda Cook's daughter, Tom Cook's sister | **Pat Gray**, sister of Fran Starnes | **Brett Finley**, son-in-law of the Womacks | **Londa Harris**, neice of Bud & Charlotte Cawyer | **Lawrence Hollaway**, brother of Linda Westerfeld | **Michael Johnston** (colon cancer), brother of Cathy Stowers | **Rafael Sandoval**, father of Israel Sandoval

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**Moments with Mike**

**Rose Capital To Music City**

Last Sunday I announced that we would be leaving the work here in Tyler and we will be moving to Nashville, TN. My role there will be Involvement and Outreach Minister at the Crieve Hall Church of Christ. You can read more about that congregation at [www.crievehall.org](http://www.crievehall.org).

We have enjoyed our three years here in Tyler, but we really began to see the need to be closer to family and friends in that part of the country. This will be our second time to live in Nashville, the Music City. The first was in the 1990s when I was the preacher for the River Road congregation in west Nashville.

It is important that we be in place in Nashville before August 29th when they will be staging a ministry fair. That will be a important part of what I'll be responsible for doing. During the weekend before that, Carla and I will be taking Jonathan to Freed-Hardeman University in Henderson, TN, and it will not be possible for us to be back here in time for worship on Sunday, the 22nd.

So, that means that this Sunday, August 15th, will be our last Sunday with you here at West Erwin. We would have loved a bit more time for this transition, but things are as they are. The radio program, Our Living Hope, will also end on the 15th.

We have developed many outstanding friendships

here and saying "goodbye" is never an easy task. Since our time here will be limited, it will not be possible for us to give personal "goodbyes" to each of you as we'd like to do. But we would welcome you to write your thoughts in a letter or in a card and share those with us. That will allow us to enjoy them over and over as we reflect on the church here at West Erwin.

Our new address will be 416 Blackman Road, Nashville, TN 37211. Our email addresses will remain [mikebaker1@att.net](mailto:mikebaker1@att.net) and [carlabaker@att.net](mailto:carlabaker@att.net), but our cell phone numbers will be changing after we move.

If any of you find yourselves in or near Nashville we will expect to hear from you.

Some have asked if I will still be preaching. Yes, I will be preaching when the pulpit minister, Bill Watkins, is out. I'll also be teaching classes and will be involved with the Nashville School of Preaching and Biblical Studies.

We will have you in our prayers as you look for a new pulpit minister. Please pray for our transition as well. May God continue to bless you.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding: In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths" (Prov. 3:5-6).

See you Sunday! Mike

2010 Theme  
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Sermons for August 15, 2010, by Mike Baker  
 A.M.: Every "One" Has Value (Luke 15:4-7)  
 P.M.: A Special Place In My Heart (Phil. 1:3-6)

"The Church With Heart"

**Youth With Heart... by Danny**  
**THANKS!**

Thanks to all of those who helped with VBS this past week. I heard great things about it and all the folks who were involved in making it happen. Thanks to Mike Gravois, Nancy Crawford for putting it together.

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**Needs List**

By Don Crawford

A new transitional home for boys is opening soon and is need of a few items to help them get started. West Erwin's own Bryce Murry will serve as the representative for the agency that houses the boys. His needs are:

- Washer & Dryer, Desk,
- Refrigerator, Sofa, Chair
- and Dresser.

If you have any of these items that you would like to donate to Bryce for this home please contact me at 903-592-0809. Thanks.

**Malachi 3:16-18**

This passage says that those who feared the Lord listened and heard Malachi preaching. They responded by honoring the name of GOD.

And GOD said, "They will be mine."

That serves as the entire history of Israel throughout the Holy Scriptures. As long as His people honored the name of GOD, she prospered. When she turned away, disaster came.

How is that working for our nation?

**Growing in Grace** by Mike Gravois

**Summer VBS - Egypt: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace**

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The Family Life Center is quiet. The props and decorations have been put away. Vacation Bible School is now a matter of historical record, and yet, it is still not over. I continue to meet people who tell me how much fun their children had at West Erwin's VBS. Several people have told me that their children attended several VBS's this summer and liked West Erwin's the best. But, the comment that means the most to me comes from those parents and grandparents who tell me that their children are still talking about VBS, and even further, can still remember and tell the story of Joseph.

Again, thank you to everyone who helped make this year's VBS a success. 70 children attended and 66 adults and teens helped bring the Biblical story of Joseph to life. The marketplace is now gone, but the memories live on in the hearts and minds of all who took part in this year's VBS. Please visit the church website and watch the announcement slides this Sunday to see pictures of this year's VBS.

\* If you provided a canopy for the marketplace, they can be picked up at the church office at your convenience.

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**THE Fruit OF THE Spirit** Wednesday Night Summer Series August 18, 2010 Matt Soper, West Houston "Self-Control"

**Recent Responses**

**Norma Blas** was baptized Friday evening. She is the daughter of Pedro Gonzalez. Norma's address is 6331 Greenbriar Oaks Rd. # 46, Tyler, TX 75704. Phone: 903-952-5389. | **Fannie Jackson** responded last Sunday asking for prayers as she deals with anger. | **Aarón Almagués** placed membership with us Sunday. His address is 2400 Shiloh Rd. # 314, Tyler, TX 75703.

**Thank You**

Thank you for the prayers, cards & visits.

**Fred Powell**

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Bible Class	323	411	395
Worship a.m.	700	695	629
Worship p.m.	279	351	362
Wed. p.m.	251		158
Contribution	\$29,752.62	\$38,103.04	\$23,436.50
Weekly Budget	\$27,981.00		

**Prayer & Care:** **Hospitalized:** **ETMC:** **Faye Lanford**, Morris Hallman's mother, is in room 3501 with a broken hip. | **Thelma Nolley** is in room 2217. | **Mother Frances: Frank Haddock**, son-in-law of Bettie Thorne | MICU, **Greta Powell**, sister of Patricia Lewis | **Updates:** **Charlotte Caywer** had a procedure Dec. 29. | **Don Durham** will have a neck artery bypass on January 6. | **J. R. Tharpe** has asked for prayers for an accident to his eye. | **West Erwin Family:** Cameron Ables | Clinton & Louise Culpepper | Patsy Fisher | Wanda Frick | Phyllis Holleman | Jan Knight | Tommy Lowrance | Wade McDonald | Forest & Mary McFadden | Becky McRuiz | Carol Morgan | Bettye Price | Betty Willis | Ray Womack | *Ongoing concerns:* Johnny Anders | Darrell & Nell Beard | Delle Bullard | Kalli Huff | Archie Kennard | Opal Mathews | Bill & Ruby McCain | Penny McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | Maxine Ray | Liz Rogers Albritton | Ira & Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods | **Family & Friends:** **Amber Conner**, sister of Mindy Marse | **Brett Finley**, son-in-law of the Womacks | **Diane Millican & Jim Goff**, mother & grandfather of Shane Millican | **Aubrey Tinsley** (*cancer*), brother-in-law of Esther Wilson

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## Preventative Maintenance

I remember getting my first car when I was about 16 years old. It was a 1972 four door Fiat. Not much to look at, but hey, it was a car. It was not only a car, but it was MY car. I loved that car even though it did not go much faster than 45 mph. One day my uncle shows up and tells me we are taking MY car to a garage. You should have seen the look on my face. MY car?? At some garage?? Why?? Frantically, I protested, "But there is nothing wrong with it. Why do I have to take it to a garage?" My uncle then explained that although there was nothing wrong with my car, it still needed to go to the garage for an oil change, tune up and other things. He explained that this was called "preventative maintenance." In other words, one should service the car before it has problems. By servicing the car before it has problems, one can prevent certain problems from happening with the car. Checking the wear on the tread of a tire can prevent a flat. Checking belts and hoses can prevent a break down. Checking fluid levels can prevent engine trouble.

Over the years I have learned that this "preventative maintenance" ideology works for just about everything in life. If we plan ahead and prepare, we can save ourselves a lot of trouble later. No matter what situation you are facing, preventative maintenance applies. Have you ever forgotten your anniversary brethren? Marking it on the calendar NOW, will prevent an unpleasant situation when that day comes.

Have any of you sisters ever found out at the last minute that you needed to be two places at one time? Better scheduling could have possibly prevented such a situation. All of our life is about planning ahead and being prepared so that we can prevent life's little breakdowns along the way. This is why we make reservations, save money, leave early and get a good night's rest.

The most important place to apply this "preventative maintenance" ideal is in our relationship with God. The Bible tells us that Jesus will return one day to claim those who have been faithful to Him. The Bible tells us to watch and pray for the coming of the Lord. Now is the time to prepare to meet the Lord. If we wait till he comes to begin to prepare, then we will have waited too late. We should be in preparation now! The Lord may return at any time. Therefore we should get our lives in order! As we live each day we should prepare to meet God by putting aside the habits and thoughts that are displeasing to God. *Our preventative maintenance is to change ourselves to be more like God, in doing so we will begin to look forward to the return of Christ. What a glorious day this will be for those who are prepared!*

In His love,  
 K.D. Olison, Sr.  
 Ministering Evangelist  
 North Teneha Church of Christ

"The Church With Heart"

## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### THANKS!

Thanks to all the teens and adults who helped with the Gift Project last week. Thanks to Mike Gravois for going as a sponsor.

Thanks to all of those who went to Holiday in the Park with us this past week. We had about 65 go from West Erwin. Thanks to Mark Frick & John Shaw for driving vehicles and the other adults for going as sponsors. We had a great time in spite of the rain and cold!

### KARING KITCHEN

Thanks to all who have helped with the Karing Kitchen in 2010. This ministry has continued to touch people through serving the community. Maybe though the biggest blessing is for those who serve. God continues to feed us spiritually when we serve others. My prayer is that 2011 will be a great year for spiritual growth through the Karing Kitchen.

### COMBINED DEVOTIONAL

Join us for the combined devo this coming Sunday night in the FLC. Please bring \$3 for supper and wear tennis shoes. We will be finished at 8:30. Join us as we start the new year together!

### WINTERFEST

WinterFest is a retreat at the Arlington Convention Center on Jan. 14-16. We are planning to take any of the high school students who want to go. We will be staying in a hotel. We will leave on Friday afternoon and return after lunch on Sunday. This will be a very uplifting weekend with some of the best speakers and funniest entertainment you can imagine. Cost will be about \$50.

### SERVANT RETREAT

The High School Servant Retreat will be Feb. 4-6. This is a great East Texas area retreat that our teens have been a part of for many years. Cost will be \$35. Deadline for signing up is Jan. 23.

### LTC

If you missed LTC Sign Up night this past Sunday, please get your paperwork into me ASAP! We need to have the teams split up in a few weeks. Please turn in your forms absolutely no later than Jan. 2.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Jan. 2	Deadline for LTC Sign-Up
Jan. 2	Combined Devo
Jan. 14-16	Winterfest for High School
Jan. 24	West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen
Feb. 4-6	Servant Retreat



### New Hospitality Team!

Moving into a new church family is a lot like changing schools in the middle of the year. Suddenly, you don't know where you're supposed to be or when you are supposed to be there. What was once routine is now new and different. You are surrounded by unfamiliar faces. It can

be difficult.

Relief comes with a smiling face, a meaningful conversation and sometimes a shared meal...things that West Erwin is good at offering. So many of you are experts at encouraging new members. I want to get those gifted in extending hospitality together for a one year challenge.

If you feel that you have this gift of hospitality, and desire to be part of a team that will focus its efforts on working with these newcomers, please call me at the church office or on my cell: 903-316-8387.

### Growing in Grace by Mike Gravois

#### 2 Kings 4: Hand Me Another Jar

The series of stories in the first part of 2 Kings are examples of what a powerful man of God Elisha is. Still, it seems that, like a symphony, each story is a variation on one theme: that when people have faith they act on that faith. These miracles all start with a need and the promise of God. Then, the person has to take action in preparation for God to move. In one story we see soldiers digging ditches in the desert in preparation for water to miraculously flow into them. Now we have a widow with just a little oil being told to go out and borrow jars from everyone she can. When she starts pouring oil out of her meager supply she fills all the jars she collected. It's only when she runs out of jars that she runs out of oil. So often we take our needs to God and then stand back to watch what he does. However, in this, and the other stories, we see that God invites us to partner with him in what he does for us. No doubt, he does the greater work; after all, anyone can collect jars. Only God can fill them all from such a limited supply. Lord, help me to be a "jar collector." Help me to be a person doing my part in working with you as you accomplish your purposes in my life and in this world.

### Office Closed

The church office will be closed Friday, December 31.

### Welcome, New Members!

#### Carol Wilkinson

323 CR 3521, Bullard, TX 75757  
903.825.3875 (hm) | 512.433.9780 (cell)  
crlwilkinson@gmail.com

#### Joy Rousseau

17966 West Lakeview Dr., Troup, TX 75789  
903.839.2793 | joy@arpsid.com

### Wednesday Morning Ladies' Bible Class

The class will begin meeting again on January 12 at 10:00 a.m. Caddie Niles will be teaching a study of the book of Galatians. A binder of study material will be distributed at that time. To start the new year, we will meet that day in the Family Life Center, where a salad luncheon will be held following the lesson. We will return to our original classroom, room 403 in the Office Complex, for future lessons.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to **Chris Ketchum**, son of Ed & Sharon Ketchum, who graduated on December 17 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Texas at Tyler. Way to go, Chris!



### Sunset Vision Workshop

You are invited to 'O Worship the King,' a workshop on improving congregational worship & harmony. It will be January 19-22, 2011, in Lubbock. Keynote speakers include Jay Lockhart, Jim McGuiggan, Arthur Puente, Rudy Wray, Keith Lancaster, Shelton Gibbs III, Chris Swinford & Monty Pettyjohn. The complete description and registration can be found at [sibi.cc/workshop](http://sibi.cc/workshop).

### VBS Meeting

Planning for VBS 2011 is underway! If you would like to help in any way, please be present at our first meeting at the Family Life Center on January 9 at 3:30 p.m. The date for VBS is set for Saturday, August 6. Mark your calendars now!



Congratulations to **Parker Hall** on his baptism Friday, December 17. Parker is in 8th grade and attends school in Whitehouse. He is the son of Michael & Candace Hall. We are proud of you, Parker!

### Thank You

Dear West Erwin Family,  
Dub Mathews loved worshipping with you and grieved about not getting to attend services. We want to thank you for prayers, visits, cards, flowers, words of comfort & donations to West Erwin in honor of him. Also, the wonderful lunch that was served before the funeral was greatly appreciated. We love you!

**Gary & Frances Broome**

**Opal Mathews**

**Larry & Geri Moore**

Thank you all for the calls, cards and visits during Garland's hospital stay.

**Garland & Marlene Latham**

I have been asked to thank everyone at West Erwin who prayed for former TJC student Richard Napier during the last seven months. His family appreciates everything you all have done to help and support. His second, double-lung transplant was a success, but infection set in. December 23, 2010, Richard Napier left this life. Funeral arrangements are pending. His family and friends thank you again and so do Tony & I.

**Mary Adams**

### With Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to DeAnna Rainer on the loss of her grandfather, **Mr. Harris**. He lived in California. | **Willie Batchelor**, husband of new member Cathy, died on Christmas morning. | **Paul Pike**, son of John & Virginia, passed away Tuesday. Services are pending. Our love, prayers & sympathy are with these families.



Happy New Year!  
We wish you  
blessings in 2011!

~ The Church Office Staff ~



Records	Sunday— Dec. 12	Sunday— Dec. 5	Year Ago
Bible Class	391	388	374
Worship a.m.	639	639	665
Worship p.m.	375	330	394
Wed. p.m.	302	280	313
Contribution	\$41,935.00	\$30,198.90	\$31,852.40
Weekly Budget	\$27,981.00		

**Prayer & Care: Hospitalized:** Mother Frances Continued Care: Hazel Cross, grandmother of Shannon Kingsbury, room 445. **Updates:** Jim, relative of Joe Elerson had a kidney/pancreas transplant. | **Charlotte Cawyer's** procedure was postponed until Dec. 29 because she has bronchitis. | **Carolyn Ciaschini** will not have surgery at this time. Her cardiologist will consult with another doctor. | **Kalli Huff** is now home. | **Frances Phillips** is now home. | **Paul Pike**, son of John & Virginia, is in Hospice of East Texas. | **Gordon Smith**, father of Connie Sublette, has been put in hospice care at his home. | **George Richardson** is now home. | **Mary Stanford**, relative of Remona Stanford, a West Erwin visitor, is in need of prayers. Remona also requests prayers for her brother, **Jim**, who has been recently diagnosed with cancer. **With Sympathy:** We extend our deepest sympathy to the family & friends of **Dale Thomas**, who passed away over the weekend. Our love & prayers are with the family. | **West Erwin Family:** Cameron Ables | Clinton & Louise Culpepper | Patsy Fisher | Wanda Frick | Phyllis Holleman | Jan Knight | Tommy Lowrance | Wade McDonald | Forest & Mary McFadden | Becky McRuiz | Carol Morgan | Bettye Price | Betty Willis | Ray Womack | **Ongoing concerns:** Johnny Anders | Darrell & Nell Beard | Delle Bullard | Kalli Huff | Archie Kennard | Opal Mathews | Bill & Ruby McCain | Penny McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | Maxine Ray | Liz Rogers Albritton | Ira & Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods | **Family & Friends:** **Amber Conner**, sister of Mindy Marse | **Brett Finley**, son-in-law of the Womacks | **Diane Millican & Jim Goff**, mother & grandfather of Shane Millican | **Aubrey Tinsley (cancer)**, brother-in-law of Esther Wilson

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10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Call to worship	Don Crawford
Prayer	James Hardin
Scripture	Jeff Fennell
Dismiss	Leon Welborn
Presiding At The Lord's Table	Greg Jones

**SERVING COMMUNION**

Joel Knox	Paul Lewis
Garland Latham	Clifton Lindsey
Robert Lee	Brandon Lott
Pete Leung	Tyler Lott

**5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY**

Prayer	Jeff Horton
Scripture	Dalton Harris
Dismiss	Clay Kinser

**GREETERS**

Charles & Linda Westerfeld & Justin Parrish  
 Bill & Barbara White & Sydney Parrish  
 Dale & Dot White & Grant Perkins  
**Visitor Center:** Fred & Mitzi Wilkinson  
 Fred & Sandra Wingate

**12/19 & 12/26:** Brayden Kempton, Corey Prestidge, Evan Kingsbury, Dillon Kingsbury, Stephen Moore

**Sound Booth for 12/19-12/26:** Terry Frick & Mark Frick

**Minibus Driver for Sunday and Wednesday:** Don Ingram  
 ph. 903-253-4600. **Please call if you need transportation.**

**Children's Ministry for 12/19:** Nursery a.m.: Helen Gullion  
 Toddlers a.m.: Beverly Hale | Toddlers p.m.: Kristi Harris |  
 Children's Worship: Michelle Smith

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Peace, Love  
& JOY

Wishing you the best this holiday season.

The Church Office Staff

*Handwritten signatures: Nancy, Danny, Mike, Iraael, Frances, Lindsay*

## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### THANKS!

Thanks to Daniel & Kim Dupree and Lisa Snell for hosting the Holiday Parties this past week. We had a great and festive time! Thanks to all who helped as sponsors and brought food.

### KARING KITCHEN

West Erwin will host the Karing Kitchen on Monday, Dec. 27. If you are interested in helping, please be there by 5:00. We will be finished by 7:00.

### GIFT PROJECT

Our youth group has taken on a project to provide Christmas gifts for 4 children. We need to raise about \$200 by Sunday, Dec. 19. After church this Sunday morning, we will all go to eat @ Jason's Deli and then to shop for the kids. We will return to the church to wrap the presents and be done by 5:00. Bring enough money for lunch and wear your Santa Hat!

### WINTERFEST

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return after lunch on Sunday. This will be a very uplifting weekend with some of the best speakers and funnest entertainment you can imagine. Cost will be about \$50. Deadline for signing up is Dec. 27.

### HOLIDAY IN THE PARK-SIX FLAGS

All middle & high school and families are invited to go with us to Six Flags on Tuesday, Dec. 28. Tickets are \$24. Deadline for signing up is Sunday, Dec. 19.

### SERVANT RETREAT

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## Crawford's Clipboard

It's been ingrained in us...."Prove it to 'em. You can do it! You don't need anybody's help." Even Sam Elliott, in one of my favorite westerns says it: "Anybody who needs help should have never started out." So, I suppose we can say, "Admitting you need help goes against our grain." Satan loves to see that stubborn pride shining through. He knows it will keep us irritated, angry, and impatient. He knows it will keep us from GOD'S Word and prayer. It even got Moses!

Exodus 18. Moses was wearing himself out handling all the disputes among the people. From morning to night Moses was neck deep in all their problems. He had that overworked, underpaid, Geritol look (tired blood). He was worn out trying to do it all by himself. Finally, his father-in-law, Jethro, told him, "What you are doing is not good...the work is too heavy for you; you cannot handle it alone".....you need help!

Tell me — where do you find that a bleeding ulcer is a sign of spirituality? Take time to call for help! GOD loves to hear us say, "Help me."

## Growing in Grace by Mike Gravois

*By jove, I think she's got it!!! Listen to what one woman discovered in her search for meaning during the Christmas season.*

### 1 Corinthians 13: A CHRISTMAS VERSION

*By an unknown author*

If I decorate my house perfectly with plaid bows, strands of twinkling lights and shiny balls, but do not show love, I'm just another decorator.

If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of Christmas cookies, preparing gourmet meals and arranging a beautifully adorned table at mealtime, but do not show love, I'm just another cook.

If I work at the soup kitchen, carol in the nursing home and give all that I have to charity, but do not show love, it profits me nothing.

If I trim the spruce with shimmering angels and crocheted snowflakes, attend a myriad of holiday parties and sing in the choir's cantata but do not focus on Christ, I have missed the point.

Love stops the cooking to hug the child.

Love sets aside the decorating to kiss the husband.

Love is kind, though harried and tired.

Love doesn't envy another's home that has coordinated Christmas china and table linens.

Love doesn't yell at the kids to get out of the way, but is thankful they are there to be in the way.

Love doesn't give only to those who are able to give in return but rejoices in giving to those who can't.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails.

Video games will break, pearl necklaces will be lost, golf clubs will rust, but giving the gift of love will endure.


## Holiday Schedule

- ◆ We will not be publishing a bulletin the week of Christmas.
- ◆ The Ladies Wednesday Morning Bible Class will not meet the rest of the year.
- ◆ The church office will be closed December 23 & 24.
- ◆ The West Erwin Playschool will not meet December 21, 23, 28 & 30.
- ◆ The Benevolence Center will be closed December 21, 23 & 28.

## For Your Information

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## Congratulations!

 Congratulations to **Becky Howard & Michael Murphey** as they were married December 11.

## Mark Your Calendar

**Andy Baker**, youth & family minister at the University Church of Christ in San Marcos, will be preaching for us Sunday morning & evening, December 26 to give Danny & Don a break during the holidays. West Erwin helped support Andy while he was in preaching school and we are looking forward to having him here again.

### All I Need to Know I Learned from Noah's Ark...

1. Don't miss the boat.
2. Remember that we are all in the same boat.
3. Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.
4. Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.
5. Don't listen to critics, just get on with the job that needs to be done.
6. Build your future on high ground.
7. For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
8. Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
9. When you're stressed, float awhile.
10. Remember, the ark was built by amateurs, the Titanic by professionals.
11. No matter the storm, when you are with God, there is always a rainbow waiting.



Words really cannot totally express our love we have for our West Erwin church family. Your love for Dean during his illness and passing on to be with our Lord is very much appreciated. Your prayers, words of kindness, visits, cards and good meant so much to all of us. Dean will be missed by many. He loved you all. Thank you.

**The Dean Brookshire Family**

Dear West Erwin family, Thank you for your support during the loss of our sweet mother. The outpouring of love with visits, food, prayers and cards is much appreciated. A special thanks to the Tuesday lunch bunch for providing Louise with wonderful meals during her time at home. In Christian love,

**The Harris Family**

West Erwin Church of Christ, Thank you for the cards that were wonderful and the flowers that were beautiful at the loss of my father, Willess Henry Vincent, Sr. We truly celebrated his life. My brother says we will be getting together over the next few weeks to settle other matters. I know you are a loving church and I know love covers. Thank you for all the years you have helped to cover me.

**Vonnie Hamblett**

Please know our family could not have made it through these past few weeks without the support of our church family. Your thoughts, prayers, concerns, cards and presence were so needed and appreciated. Praise God, Cameron is getting stronger every day.

Love,

**The Ables Family**

**No Wednesday Night Meal  
December 22.**

**Merry  
Christmas**



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<b>Records</b>	<b>Sunday- Dec. 5</b>	<b>Sunday- Nov. 28</b>	<b>Year Ago</b>
<b>Bible Class</b>	388	368	384
<b>Worship a.m.</b>	639	612	600
<b>Worship p.m.</b>	330	338	402
<b>Wed. p.m.</b>	388	NC	315
<b>Contribution</b>	\$30,198.90	21,564.05	\$28,249.31
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	\$27,981.00		

**Prayer List:** **Hospitalized:** Children's in Dallas: Kalli Huff | **Mother Frances:** George Richardson was in a car accident & suffered a broken femur. | **Updates:** Carolyn Ciaschini will have a test on December 14 to determine damage to her aorta for further treatment. | Charles Harris is now home. | **Velma Lemons** has been dismissed from Park Place. | **Judy Malden**, mother of Stan Clark, had surgery Monday. | Shane Millican's mother (**Diane Millican**) and grandfather (**Jim Goff**) are seriously ill in Tennessee. | **Paul Montandon** is home after having neck surgery. | **Esther Wilson** is having health problems **West Erwin Family:** Cameron Ables | Clinton & Louise Culpepper | Patsy Fisher | Wanda Frick | Phyllis Holleman | Jan Knight | Tommy Lowrance | Wade McDonald | Forest & Mary McFadden | Becky McRuiz | Carol Morgan | Bettye Price | Betty Willis | Ray Womack | **Ongoing concerns:** Johnny Anders | Darrell & Nell Beard | Delle Bullard | Kalli Huff | Archie Kennard | Opal Mathews | Bill & Ruby McCain | Penny McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | Maxine Ray | Liz Rogers Albritton | Ira & Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods | **Family & Friends:** Eugene Harraid, son of Marie Harraid | Jeanette Greer, sister-in-law of Margaret Starr | Brett Finley, son-in-law of the Womacks | Kathy McClain, daughter of Frank & Dotti Setzler | Aubrey Tinsley (cancer), brother-in-law of Esther Wilson | Paul Pike, son of John & Virginia | Boyd Sanders (colon cancer), co-worker of Carolyn McCune's son-in-law

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Dismiss: Ray Vannoy  
Presiding At The Lord's Table: Tom Hale

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Garland Latham: Clifton Lindsey  
Robert Lee: Brandon Lott  
Pete Leung: Tyler Lott

**5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY**

Prayer: David Hammond  
Scripture: Wyatt Gruver  
Dismiss: Ralph Henderson

**GREETERS**

James & Connie Sublette & Austin Millican  
Mike & Dorothy Watts & Chase Mink  
Billy & Lynda Terrell & Kayla Muncy  
**Visitor Center:** Walker & Rhonda Weathers  
Leon & Carolyn Welborn

**12/12:** Grant Perkins, Matthew Christian, Keaton Conder, Colton Haile, Caleb DuPree

**Sound Booth for 12/12-12/26:** Terry Frick & Mark Frick

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**Children's Ministry for 12/12:** Nursery a.m.: Mary June Goodson  
Toddlers a.m.: Sharon Gordon | Toddlers p.m.: Cassie Griffin |  
Children's Worship: Stephanie Ruddell



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**Guest Article**

A few years ago I learned a very valuable lesson from our denominational friends, the Mormons. In central California, the Mormons will send out very young men, (known as Elders), to go door knocking. You can always recognize these young men because they are easily identified by the white button down short sleeved shirts, dark slacks, short tie and backpacks they wear. They also use a "ten speed" bike for their transportation.

One particular day I noticed two of these young men get off their bikes and approach a neighbor of mine who happened to be working in his yard. The Mormons approached him at the gate of his yard and asked if they could share a few words from the Bible with him. My neighbor looked irritated at them asking and gave the same short and grumpy reply most of us would have given, "Can't you see I am busy?" The young men asked him what it was he was doing. He told them he was digging trenches so that he could lay a sprinkler system in his yard. The young men politely took off their backpacks, parked their bikes and picked up shovels to help my neighbor dig his trenches.

It was a very hot day, yet the young men worked without stopping all the day. In the evening time, after every trench had been dug, the young men turned to my neighbor and asked again if they could share something with him from the word of God. I thought it quite amusing to see the resigned look on my neighbor's face as he agreed. What could he do but listen to what they had to say? They had spent all day helping him complete his work. They did it freely with a pure heart. They did a good job as he gave them direction. It was a very small price to pay for my neighbor to sit quietly for a few minutes and listen to what they had to say.

I learned a few things from this event. First off, I

**Show Your Love**

learned that people don't care what you know, unless they know how much you care. The neighbor recognized that these young men cared about his work, his yard and his personal feelings. They tended to his PHYSICAL needs before they tended to his spiritual needs. The second thing I learned is that Jesus did the same when he preached the gospel to unbelievers. We find Jesus feeding the hungry, healing the lame and sick, consoling the bereaved and giving hope to the hopeless. The Lord understood that when you care about people, genuinely care, then the people are more willing to listen to what you tell them about God. The last thing I learned was that caring for people means to show or demonstrate our love for them. We should not just tell them we love them, but we should show them our love.

How many times has someone come to you to share a challenge or struggle in their life and you gave a simple and patented reply, "I will pray for you," and then walked away? How many times did you actually pray for that person? Why not pray with that person and then pray for them later? Did they want or need prayer? Maybe they needed to talk. A prayer is fine, but it does not feed a hungry person or give a sick person medical attention. My fellow Christians, we wish to convert the entire world to the Lord, but we never stop and realize that in order to do this, we must first love the world and tend to the very needs that the world has. Show them our love, and by this, they will know we are truly the Disciples of Christ.

In His love,

**K.D. Olson Sr.**  
Ministering Evangelist- North Teneha Church of Christ

"The Church With Heart"

## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### THANKS!

Thanks to J Jones & Mark Frick for helping with the devo Sunday night.

### HOLIDAY PARTIES...

Jr. High- Friday night, Dec. 10, @ the Snell's from 6:30-10:00. Please bring a wrapped \$5-7 fun gift.

High School- Saturday night, Dec. 11, @ the Dupree's from 6:30-10:00. Please bring a wrapped \$5-7 fun gift.

### GIFT PROJECT

Our youth group has taken on a project to provide Christmas gifts for 4 children. We need to raise about \$200 by Sunday, Dec. 19. After church that morning, we will all go to eat @ Jason's Deli and then to shop for the kids. We will return to the church to wrap the presents and be done by 5:00. Bring enough money for lunch and wear your Santa Hat!

### WINTERFEST

WinterFest is a retreat at the Arlington Convention Center on Jan. 14-16. We are planning to take any of the high school students who want to go. We will be staying in a hotel. We will leave on Friday afternoon and return after lunch on Sunday. This will be a very uplifting weekend with some of the best speakers and funnest entertainment you can imagine.

Cost will be about \$50. Deadline for signing up is Dec. 27.

### HOLIDAY IN THE PARK-SIX FLAGS

All middle & high school and families are invited to go with us to Six Flags on Tuesday, Dec. 28. Tickets are \$24. Deadline for signing up is Sunday, Dec. 19.

### SERVANT RETREAT

The High School Servant Retreat will be Feb. 4-6. This is a great East Texas area retreat that our teens have been a part of for many years. Cost will be \$35. Deadline for signing up is Jan. 23.

### LTC

We are making plans for Leadership Training for Christ 2011. The theme this year is "Coming Soon" from the book of Revelation. We will have a sign-up meeting on Sunday, Dec. 12 after the evening worship assembly. Coaches: be thinking about your teams and scripts! Details are "Coming Soon." You will be receiving details in the mail soon.

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### James on Self-Assertion

"Now listen, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.' Why do you not even know what will happen tomorrow? What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes." James 4:13-14

James is not suggesting that engaging in business is wrong, nor is making a profit, nor is he suggesting that planning ahead is wrong. He is talking about leaving GOD out of the picture.

James says we are way too quick to assure ourselves that time is on our side and at our disposal. He goes on to say that all this self-confidence makes us boast and all such boasting is evil.

It's a sin to be presumptuous .....thinking we are guaranteed today, tomorrow, or a year from now.

It's presumptuous to think we are masters of our own life.

Give GOD the glory for all things instead of exalting yourself and boasting of your own abilities.

## Growing in Grace by Mike Gravois

Joshua 7: "Achan lied and men died."

Jericho's defeated and destroyed. Now their attention's on a much smaller, less fortified place, Ai. An armed force of 3000 is sent to do battle at Ai, more than enough to win an easy victory. However, it doesn't work that way. The people of Ai rise up and rout the larger Israelite force. How could that happen? They not only have superior numbers, but God is on their side. Right? Wrong! They go to Ai without God and are defeated there. Dismayed by what has happened on his watch Joshua goes to the Lord. He's told that there's sin in the camp. As long as there's sin there'll be no help from God. You see, sin is always serious in the eyes of God. Beyond that, my sin impacts others in unexpected ways. Achan thinks that God won't notice and that his intentional disobedience of the Lord's command will have no consequences. Instead, because of his sin, God withdraws his blessing and over 30 men die. In our western culture, we like to think it's every man for himself. Had an American written this story, Achan, and maybe family, would have died for his sin in tragic poetic justice. Everyone else would have gone on with "business as usual." Here we see a different picture. "Achan lied and men died." Is it possible that some churches struggle because there's hidden sin in the camp? And why stop at the church? What does this story say to me as an American? A country where babies by the millions are aborted, where immorality is the accepted mode of behavior? Am I really free to stand back from that and be dismayed, expecting the judgment of God to only fall on "them?"

## Holiday Schedule

We will not be publishing a bulletin the week of Christmas. The Ladies Wednesday Morning Bible Class will not meet the rest of the year. The church office will be closed December 23 & 24. The West Erwin Playschool will not meet December 21, 23, 28 & 30.

## Updated Contact Info

Brenda Stein: P.O. Box 131196, Tyler, TX 75713

Thomas Boudreau: arsw5txg@centurylink.net

## Year End Contribution

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## December Calendars

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## Moving Away



LaDawn Ragsdale has taken a job in Dallas and will be moving. Her new address is 7325 Clemson Drive, Dallas, TX 75214.

She says she & her family have loved their time at West Erwin and will miss everyone. Feel free to write! We will miss you, LaDawn! Good luck in your new position!

## For Your Information

The church bulletin, sermons, schedules, announcements & other information is available on our website at [www.westerwin.com](http://www.westerwin.com). You can also keep up with information via the Facebook page we created as another communication tool. Just search for West Erwin Church of Christ & 'like' our page.

## Good Advice...

1. Throw out nonessential numbers. This includes age, weight & height. Let the doctor worry about them. That is why you pay him/her.
2. Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down.
3. Enjoy the simple things. When the children are young, that is all you can afford. When they are in college, that is all you can afford. When you are in retirement, that is all you can afford.
4. Don't give up. Moses was once a basket case.

## With Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Keith Harris & Mike Harris families on the death of Louise Harris. Services were Wednesday at Burks-Walker-Tippitt. | Services for Willes Vincent, father of Vonnie Hamblett, will be Friday at Lucas Funeral Home in Hurst. Our love & prayers are with these families.

## Response for Prayers

Brittany Evans responded last Sunday asking for prayers for herself & family struggles. Please continue to keep Brittany in your prayers and encourage her when you see her.

## Leadership Training for Christ

The Leadership Training for Christ sign up & informational meeting will be Sunday night after evening services in the Family Life Center on December 12. If you are planning on participating in LTC or just want more information, please be there.

## Lost & Found

Please remember to go by the lost & found cabinet in the main foyer to see if you have anything there. Any items left after January 1 that do not have a name on it will be donated to the Benevolent Center.

## Congratulations!

A belated congratulations to Harvey Strickland & Edie Fowler on their recent marriage. Their address is 7495 CR 3111 N, Kilgore, TX 75662.



Wednesday Night Meal for December 15:  
Mexican Food



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<b>Records</b>	<b>Sunday- Nov. 28</b>	<b>Sunday- Nov. 21</b>	<b>Year Ago</b>
Bible Class	368	378	428
Worship a.m.	612	639	655
Worship p.m.	338	334	400
Wed. p.m.	NC	309	298
Contribution	21,564.05	22,315.49	\$25,950.51
Weekly Budget	\$27,981.00		

**Prayer & Care:** **Park Place:** Velma Lemons, room 139 A. | **Updates:** Cameron Ables is now home. | George Daugherty had varicose vein surgery on his leg. | Mattie Hawkins, Kim Jordan's mother, is now home. | Kalli Huff is now home. | Joe Kennedy & family, son of Odie & Dolores, is living in South Korea where the bombings have occurred. Please pray for their safety. | Becky McRuiz has been diagnosed with Bell's palsy. | **West Erwin Family:** Clinton & Louise Culpepper | Patsy Fisher | Wanda Frick | Phyllis Holleman | Jan Knight | Tommy Lowrance | Wade McDonald | Forest & Mary McFadden | Carol Morgan | Bettye Price | Betty Willis | Ray Womack | *Ongoing concerns:* Johnny Anders | Darrell & Nell Beard | Delle Bullard | Kalli Huff | Archie Kennard | Dub & Opal Mathews | Bill & Ruby McCain | Penny McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | Maxine Ray | Liz Rogers Albritton | Ira & Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods | **Family & Friends:** Dick Armstrong, Jim Armstrong's brother | Eugene Harraid, son of Marie Harraid | Jeanette Greer, sister-in-law of Margaret Starr | Brett Finley, son-in-law of the Womacks | Kathy McClain, daughter of Frank & Dotti Setzler | Aubrey Tinsley (cancer), brother-in-law of Esther Wilson | Paul Pike, son of John & Virginia | Boyd Sanders (colon cancer), co-worker of Carolyn McCune's son-in-law

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**SERVING SUNDAY**  
**10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY**

Call to worship	Don Crawford
Prayer	Chuck Gillam
Scripture	David Demic
Dismiss	James Sublette
Presiding At The Lord's Table	Ernie Gordon

**SERVING COMMUNION**

Curt Jordan	Chris Ketchum
Lee Kellenberger	Dennis Kingsbury
Matt Kelly	Clay Kinser
Odie Kennedy	Jamon Kirby

**5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY**

Prayer	Lon Gibson
Scripture	Cody Frick
Dismiss	Bob Hackett

**GREETERS**

Dannie & Sue Skipper & Elizabeth Lewis  
Shaun & Joanna Stamps & Kinsey Lockhart  
Dennis & Karen Stansbury & Courtney Lockhart  
**Visitor Center:** Glynn & Fran Starnes  
Cathy Stowers

**Pick Up Cards for 12/5 & 12/12:** Grant Perkins, Matthew Christian, Keaton Conder, Colton Haile, Caleb DuPree

**Sound Booth for 12/5:** Jonathan Stone & Paul Lewis

**Minibus Driver for Sunday and Wednesday:** Don Ingram  
ph. 903-253-4600. **Please call if you need transportation.**

**Children's Ministry for 12/5:** Nursery a.m.: Kim Frick  
Toddlers a.m: Kayla Gallegly | Toddlers p.m.: Edie Strickland |  
Children's Worship: Jennifer Heath



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## Putting Up Christmas Lights

I put up Christmas lights every year. It is a lot of work and sore muscles. I grapple with burned out bulbs and blown fuses, and getting the wiring just right so the circuit breakers do not trip. People ask me why, and the answer is easy — my wife loves it.

She grew up in a modest home where meatless meals were not uncommon, heralding the approach of payday and the bottom of the bank book. But every year, her father put up a few strings of Christmas lights. In the dark evenings of winter and stretched budgets of her childhood, Christmas lights were very reassuring. The bright colors in the cold black night were lights that warmed her heart and made her feel secure. After all, she reasoned in a youthful mind, if her father could still afford to put up Christmas lights, then all will be well. To this day, Christmas lights make my wife feel happy, warm, and secure — reason enough for all the effort.

We spent two decades of our marriage traveling around the world as I was first an Army and then a Foreign Service officer. During the years of moves to Europe and the Middle East, living in government housing and rental properties in Washington, DC, we never got around to putting up Christmas lights.

That all ended when we moved to Texas. Our first Christmas in our own home, I put up Christmas lights. I started out modestly, but I got into the challenge of being creative and putting more and more strings up. It made my wife happy — reason enough for all the effort.

We moved onto a short street that is nestled between two through streets. Not quite a cul-de-sac, but with the benefits of less traffic without the inconvenience of only one way in and out. When Christmas came around, I built my annual lighted monument to Christmas and my wife. In the dark nights of late November and December, it was almost the only bright spot on a street of well kept, but unlit homes.

Season after season, I put up Christmas lights. What I didn't realize is that it made my neighbors happy, not just my wife. They liked my lights. It made them feel warm and hopeful in the dreary dark of December. I heard neighborhood kids asking their parents why they didn't put up lights. One year, due to my travel schedule, I was late getting my lights up, and people asked if something was wrong, why the lights weren't up yet. The Christmas lights were reaching people beyond my driveway.

As the years wore on, people asked for tips on lighting, borrowed my ladder, and more houses began to light up each year. This year, with the gloomy news on the economy, terrorism, and uncertainty in the world, I noticed that several of my neighbors had their lights up before me. They wanted to see the glow of Christmas lights, the reassurance and brightness, in an otherwise dark and uncertain time.

It occurred to me that we all have a light within us — just like Christmas lights — that everyone sees. When we let it shine it reassures others, it makes them happy, and brightens an otherwise dim world. Over time, looking at our light, others decide to light up themselves as well. It is contagious. We can light up others in ways we cannot comprehend as long as we carry God's light within us and let it shine. In this dark season of short days and long nights, of uncertainty and terror, remember to let your light shine. It makes others happy — reason enough for all the effort.

[Jesus told us] *You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven (Matthew 5:14-16 NASB).*

Rob Frazier  
www.heartlight.org

"The Church With Heart"

## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### THANKS!

Thanks to Jon Murry, Ernest Bennett & David Wicks for teaching the Jr. High & High School classes this past quarter. Last weekend, a group of 32 of us from West Erwin along with 5 other churches attended the area wide Middle School ZEW retreat. We were very blessed with powerful lessons and opportunities for spiritual growth. Thanks to Kevin Sustaire & Kristi Harris for going as sponsors and to Ashley Sustaire, Christa Ruiz, Kaitlyn Gravois, Jordan Snell, Chandler Cook & Kevin Sandoval for going as High School Counselors.

### KARING KITCHEN

Thanks to all who helped with the Karing Kitchen last week. We serve again on Dec. 27.

### WINTERFEST & SERVANT RETREAT

There are 2 events coming up after the holidays for high school teens. Winterfest is Jan. 14-16. Servant Retreat is Feb. 4-6. We will have details for you in class this Sunday morning for Winterfest.

### COMBINED DEVO

All middle and high school teens are invited to the devo this coming Sunday night after church in the FLC. Please bring \$3 for

supper. We will be finished at 8:30. Wear tennis shoes.

### LTC

We are making plans for Leadership Training for Christ 2011. The theme this year is "Coming Soon" from the book of Revelation. We will have a sign-up meeting on Sunday, Dec. 12 after the evening worship assembly. Coaches: be thinking about your teams and scripts! Details are "Coming Soon." You will be receiving details in the mail soon.

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### YOUTH HOLIDAY PARTIES

The Middle school party will be at the Snell's on Fri., Dec. 10 from 6:30-10:00 p.m. The high school party will be at the DuPree's Sat., Dec. 11, from 6:30-10:00 p.m. Please bring a wrapped \$4-\$6 "fun" gift. Invite a friend!



### Learning Disabilities

The National Center for Learning Disabilities claims 15 million children, teens, and adults have learning disabilities. Some of the signs are: (1) I struggle to get on and stay on track? (2) I am easily distracted? (3) I have trouble controlling my impulses?

When I read this I thought "I've got it! I have a learning disability called "SIN." I know GOD'S Word and I decide to follow it, but I act in a way that is

totally opposite. I can will it, but I can't do it. I decide to do good, but I don't do it. I decide not to do bad and I do it anyway. It's like something goes wrong within me and gets the better of me every time. It happens so regularly that it's predictable. The moment I decide to do what's right, sin is right there to trip me up. I delight in GOD'S Word, but it's pretty obvious that not all of me joins in that delight. I've tried everything and nothing I do helps. Isn't there anyone who can help me? "Thanks be to GOD through Jesus Christ our Lord!" Romans 7:15f

Shared by Don and Paul the Apostle

### Growing in Grace

by Mike Gravois  
 2010-2011 Winter Quarter Bible Classes

#### Sunday Morning

**Young Adults/Singles- Room 306**

Joe Roach  
*Mere Christianity*

**Couples for Christ-Room 302**

Ray Vannoy  
*12 Steps for the Recovering Pharisee*

**Adventurers-Annex**

Jon Murry  
*The Maskil Psalms*

**Inquirers-Office Complex, 403**

Don Crawford  
*Freedom in Christ*

**Discoverers- Room 112**

Jerry Mitchell | Clay Kinser | Todd Kempton | Paul Montandon  
*James & Revelation*

**Searchers- Small Auditorium**

Stan Clark | Bob Paul  
*Paul the Apostle*

**Explorers-Main Auditorium**

Forest McFadden  
*Striving to Know Abraham's Almighty God*

**Conquerors-Heritage Room**

Bud Cawyer  
*Romans*

**Spanish Bible Class- Annex**

Israel Sandoval  
*Christian Living*

### Wednesday Evening

**Adults- Main Auditorium**

Mike Gravois  
*Lessons from the Tabernacle*

**Ladies' Class- Office Complex, 403**

Nora Gravois | Gail Vannoy  
*A Light in the Darkness (Through 12/8)*  
*Selected studies from "The Road to Forgiveness" (1/5 through 2/23)*

**Singing Class- Heritage Room**

Larry Murphey

**Young Adults/Singles- Room 306**

Greg Jones  
*C.S. Lewis' Screwtape Letters/Revelation*

**Spanish Bible Class- The Annex**

Israel Sandoval  
*Gospel of John*



Ladies are invited to a baby shower honoring

*Melanie (Mink) Benson*

Sunday, December 5

West Erwin Family Life Center

3:30-4:30 p.m.

It's a boy!

Selections at Babies R Us & Target

### Updated Contact Info

**Cathy Stowers: 903.533.1213 (home)**

[cathy\\_stowers@yahoo.com](mailto:cathy_stowers@yahoo.com)

### Year End Contribution

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### Poinsettia Deliveries

All deacons & anyone who would like to help, please meet at the Family Life Center on Saturday, December 4 by 8:30 a.m. to help deliver poinsettias to some special members of our congregation.



### December Calendars

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### Holiday Schedule

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### Young At Heart

All Seniors 55+ are invited to Young At Heart on Thursday, December 9 at the FLC at 6:00 p.m. Watch the mail for your postcard for more information!

**Wednesday Night Meal for December 8:  
 Italian-Bruno's**

### With Sympathy

**Mrs. Vanis (Norene) Pennington** passed away Tuesday. She was a friend to many at West Erwin. | Services for **Dean Brookshire** were Wednesday at Stewart Funeral Home. We express our deepest sympathy to his granddaughter Melissa Frick and great-grandchildren Cody & Tori Frick. | Services for **Dub Mathews** were Friday at Burks-Walker-Tippitt. Our love & prayers are with these families.

### Thank You

What a blessing it is to be members of the West Erwin Church of Christ. Thanks for the support, prayers, calls, cards, hugs, flowers and food we received in the loss of my sister, Pat Gray. We love you all.

**Fran & Glynn Starnes**

I cannot put into words the feelings Geri and I have inside for all the acts of love and kindness shown us by our West Erwin family upon the loss of my dad. The flowers were beautiful, the food was great and there are no words that can express the appreciation for the cards and visits...we will always remember.

**Larry Moore**

Thanks to everyone for the precious cards, prayers & calls on the passing of my brother-in-law, Ed Johnson, in Beaumont. You are all so kind. Love,

**Tommy & Jenny Price**

To our dear brothers and sisters in Christ: We want to thank you so much for your love and care, cards, calls, hugs, food and most of all your prayers during the past two weeks.

**Wini & Dan Cullinan**



Please join our family  
 in celebrating the 90th Birthday of  
*Dorothy Smith Woods*

December 4, 2010  
 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Family Life Center  
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Records	Sunday- Nov. 14	Sunday- Nov. 7	Year Ago
Bible Class	395	402	419
Worship a.m.	640	598	613
Worship p.m.	330	351	355
Wed. p.m.	316	326	282
Contribution	\$30,888.35	\$26,980.26	\$30,822.05
Weekly Budget	\$27,981.00		

**Hospitalized: Children's in Dallas:** Kalli Huff | **ETMC:** Cameron Ables, was taken to ER for a brain hemorrhage. | **Mattie Hawkins,** Kim Jordan's mother, heart infection, room 4419. | **Mother Frances Hospital:** Dean Brookshire, room 5518. | **Health South:** Winona Shankle | **Park Place:** Velma Lemons, room 139 A. **Updates:** Carolyn Ciaschini received a heart monitor Friday that she had to wear for 24 hours. She should have results on Monday. | **Wini Cullinan** received a good report from her heart cath and is now home. | Marisol Starr, granddaughter of Ben & Margaret, is undergoing tests at Children's in Dallas. | **David Stevens,** Bettye Price's brother, is very ill in Temple. **West Erwin Family:** Milburn Cook | Clinton & Louise Culpepper | Patsy Fisher | Wanda Frick | Phyllis Holleman | Jan Knight | Tommy Lowrance | Wade McDonald | Forest & Mary McFadden | Carol Morgan | Bettye Price | Betty Willis | Ray Womack | **Ongoing concerns:** Johnny Anders | Darrell & Nell Beard | Delle Bullard | Kalli Huff | Archie Kennard | Dub & Opal Mathews | Bill & Ruby McCain | Penny McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | Maxine Ray | Liz Rogers Albritton | Ira & Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods | **Family & Friends:** Eugene Harraid, son of Marie Harraid | Jeanette Greer, sister-in-law of Margaret Starr | Brett Finley, son-in-law of the Womacks | Kathy McClain, daughter of Frank & Dotti Setzler | Aubrey Tinsley (cancer), brother-in-law of Esther Wilson | Paul Pike, son of John & Virginia | Boyd Sanders (colon cancer), co-worker of Carolyn McCune's son-in-law

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**SERVING SUNDAY**

**10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY**

Call to worship Don Crawford  
Prayer Don Crowder  
Scripture Dale Blackstone  
Dismiss Bill Mullins  
Presiding At The Lord's Table Don Durham

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Tim Holt, Sr. J Jones  
Roger Howell Greg Jones

**5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY**

Prayer Clinton Culpepper  
Scripture Barry Ciaschini  
Dismiss Ken Culpepper

**GREETERS**

Aubrey & Jean Morman & Brady Johnson  
Bob & Barbara Paul & Brittney Kempton  
Wendell & Anita Potter & Kelsi Kilgore  
**Visitor Center:** John & Virginia Pike  
Mary Lu Pruett & Caddie Niles

**Pick Up Cards for 11/21:** Corey Prestidge, Brayden Kempton, Stephen Moore, Nicolas Means, Dustin Means

**Sound Booth for 11/21:** Todd Kempton & Daniel DuPree

**Minibus Driver for Sunday and Wednesday:** Don Ingram  
ph. 903-253-4600. Please call if you need transportation.

**Children's Ministry for 11/21:** Nursery a.m.: Jan Cook  
Toddlers a.m.: Gail Debenport | Toddlers p.m.: Shirley Denman |  
Children's Worship: Tony Wingate



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**Always With Thanksgiving**

When I was a little boy, my dad sometimes filled in as a preacher at little congregations. What he lacked in polish, he made up for in passion and colorful stories. One of his favorite sermons that I heard several times was on prayer. Dad's specific emphasis was always including thanksgiving in each and every prayer. He grew tired of "gimmie prayers" — the kind of prayers that only ask for things for others and ourselves, but have little praise of God and even less thanksgiving given to him.

Dad always felt that we could thank God regardless of our circumstances because of who he is, what he has done for us, what he has promised to do in our future, and what he is continuing to do in our lives. Dad's infamous line in his prayer sermon went something like this: "Even pigs grunt in appreciation to their master when he brings them their slop, surely we should pause long enough to talk to the Father and include a few words of thanksgiving."

While I know this isn't the most appetizing image, nor is it the deepest theological statement known to Christian communication, it does colorfully make the point. In many ways, the Thanksgiving holiday in the USA demonstrates it. We dedicate one holiday a year to giving thanks to our Creator for his blessings and care for our world and for us. Even on most of our best years, shopping and football still swallow up the "giving thanks" focus of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Our family has been truly blessed with Thanksgiving this year. We've been with all of our immediate family. We've given thanks privately as a

family and publicly with God's people. We've enjoyed a beautiful snowfall, games, football, conversation, recreation, shopping, and lots of incredibly good food. We've been blessed to be able to give thanks!

**Those prayers must be offered always with thanksgiving!**

However, my prayer coming out of this Thanksgiving is for more than safe travel, good health, and a blessed Christmas season. My deepest prayer is that we all will be committed to thanking and praising God every day, in every prayer, with genuine admiration, adoration, and appreciation. God's blessings are rich and real no matter what our apparent circumstances suggest. Our conversations with the Father should always be seasoned with a strong portion of thanksgiving.

Remember Paul's words to the Philippians: *Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:4-6 TNIV, emphasis mine).*

Paul taught the early Christians that joy and peace come to hearts that pray ... but those prayers must be offered always with thanksgiving!

**Phil Ware**  
www.heartlight.org

## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### THANKS!

Thanks to John Shaw for going bowling with us this past Sunday. It was a blast!!! Thanks to all who came.

### KARING KITCHEN

West Erwin will host the Karing Kitchen this coming Monday night. It is our traditional Thanksgiving meal with turkey & dressing. We usually serve a large crowd that night and would love to have your help. Plan to come from 5:00-7:00.

### OUT TO EAT

Join us Sunday night, Nov. 28, after the evening services. We are planning to go to Ken's Pizza by the Mall.

### TEEN CLASSES

Join us Wednesday nights for "Standing Out & Standing Up." This will be a series of classes toward Godly living in a dark world. Don't miss it!

### ZEW RETREAT

This weekend, about 34 of us from West Erwin will be in Lone Star for the Middle School Retreat. This is always a great time together. Pray for our safety and spiritual growth.

### LTC

We are making plans for Leadership Training for Christ 2011. The theme this year is "Coming Soon" from the book of Revelation. We will have a sign-up meeting later this fall. Coaches: be thinking about your teams and scripts! Details are "Coming Soon."

### IMPORTANT DATES

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Nov. 21	Small Groups Meet
Nov. 22	West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen
Nov. 28	Out to Eat
Dec. 5	LTC Sign Up
Dec. 10	Middle School Holiday Party
Dec. 11	High School Holiday Party
Dec. 27	West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen



"Behold, I am making all things new."

These are the words from the One who was seated on the throne (Rev 21:5). My first thought was, "is there anything not broken in this world?" But I know that GOD is the Restorer of broken things.....broken lives, broken relationships, and broken nations.

He said, "Behold." What did He want us to see? He wanted us to see the New things. In the

paragraph before this statement He listed the things that were being made new: a new heaven, a new earth, a new city of GOD coming down out of heaven --- all for the purpose of having a new relationship with GOD, a dwelling place for man and GOD together; a place with no tears, no death, no mourning nor crying nor pain; a new place where the old order of things was dead and gone.

I'm reminded of the words of Jesus to the rich ruler....."What's impossible with men is possible with GOD." In other words, with Jesus, nothing is broken beyond repair.....nothing. What great words of hope we have to cling to!

## Growing in Grace by Mike Gravois

### Do I really believe the battle belongs to God?

"This very day God is handing you over to me." So says David as he prepares for battle with Goliath. For us this is a nifty story, one of the most memorable in the entire Bible. For David, well, this was the real deal. Before him stands a giant of a man who intends to disembowel him. David has chosen a sling and some stones as his weapon of choice but he knows this fight isn't really about weapons at all. This is a spiritual event, and he correctly identifies it as such: "I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have taunted." In spite of the real and material

threat, David correctly classifies it as a real and spiritual matter. As much as I like this story, do I really apply it to my own "real and material" life? Am I good at praying and trusting God only in theory or do I put it into practice, where the "rubber meets the road"? Instead of viewing conflicts as spiritual events, do I rush to defend myself — or call a meeting to plot a strategy for getting my way — or throw my weight around — or manipulate the people involved? To do so is to view the issue at hand as one of "swords and spears" rather than as a spiritual battle that belongs to God. When I do that kind of stuff, I may get my way in the short run, but it will always come at a price to me and to others. Then again, I may not get my way at all and the giant may just win, leaving me fatally wounded.



Ladies are invited to a baby shower honoring

*Melanie Benson*

Sunday, December 5

West Erwin Family Life Center

3:30-4:30 p.m.

It's a boy!

Selections at Babies R Us & Target

### New Contact Info

Lee & Janice Kellenberger: 903.330.2357

Brenda Stein: P.O. Box 131196, Tyler, TX 75713

### Benevolence Center Need

The Benevolence Center is in need of men's long sleeved shirts.

### Lost & Found

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### Holiday Schedule

We will not be publishing a bulletin the week of Thanksgiving and the week of Christmas. The church office will be closed at noon on Wednesday, November 24 and closed all day the 25th & 26th.

The Ladies Wednesday Morning Bible Class will not meet November 24.

The West Erwin Playschool will be closed November 23 & 25.

*Have a safe & happy Thanksgiving!*

### Make a Call

Opal Cooper would love to receive phone calls to be able to visit with people. Her number is 469-574-2427.

**No Wednesday Night Meal November 18.**

### With Sympathy

We express our deepest sympathy to Colby & Cameron Chandler on the loss of their grandfather, **Jimmy Sloan**. Services were Thursday at Lloyd James. Memorial services will be Saturday at Champion Church of Christ in Houston for **Pat Gray**, sister of Fran Starnes. Our love & prayers are with the family.

### Thank You

I want to thank everyone for the calls & food while I was recuperating after I broke my leg and also at the loss of my grandfather.

*DeAnna Rainer*

West Erwin Church of Christ, Thank you for the potted plant that came to my home in memory of my mother. To God be the glory. In Him,

*Vonnie Hamblett*

Dear West Erwin Family, Thanks for all the acts of kindness during D.L.'s illness, my trip to the hospital and his death. The prayers, cards, calls, visits, the nice plants and good food was so appreciated. Many thanks for everything. My love to all!

*Alice Thompson*



*Please join our family  
in celebrating the 90th Birthday of  
Dorothy Smith Woods*

*December 4, 2010*

*1:30 pm - 3:00 pm*

*Family Life Center  
West Erwin Church of Christ  
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Records	Sunday- Nov. 7	Sunday- Oct. 31	Year Ago
Bible Class	402	364	375
Worship a.m.	598	626	621
Worship p.m.	351	384	490
Wed. p.m.	326	323	308
Contribution	\$26,980.26	\$40,472.03	\$21,530.15
Weekly Budget	\$27,981.00		

**Hospitalized: ETMC:** Mattie Hawkins, Kim Jordan's mother, heart infection, room 4419. | **Mother Frances Hospital:** Dean Brookshire, room 360, surgery Wed. for colon cancer. | **Winona Shankle** fell Wed. morning. | **Park Place:** Velma Lemons, room 139 A. | **Updates:** Carolyn Ciashini is having tests. | **Pat Gray**, sister of Fran Starnes, is in hospice care at home in Houston. | **Cathy Skender**, mother of Keith, was released from the hospital. | **David Stevens**, Bettye Price's brother, is very ill in Temple. | **West Erwin Family:** Milburn Cook | Wini Culinan | Clinton & Louise Culpepper | Patsy Fisher | Wanda Frick | Phyllis Holleman | Jan Knight | Tommy Lowrance | Wade McDonald | Forest & Mary McFadden | Carol Morgan | Bettye Price | Betty Willis | Ray Womack | **Ongoing concerns:** Johnny Anders | Darrell & Nell Beard | Delle Bullard | Kalli Huff | Archie Kennard | Dub & Opal Mathews | Bill & Ruby McCain | Penny McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | Maxine Ray | Liz Rogers Albritton | Ira & Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods | **Family & Friends:** Barbara Click, friend of Scott Baker | **Opal Golden**, sister of Rita Sitton | **Pat Gray**, sister of Fran Starnes | **Brett Finley**, son-in-law of the Womacks | **Aubrey Tinsley (cancer)**, brother-in-law of Esther Wilson | **Paul Pike**, son of John & Virginia | **Harman Reynolds**, grandfather of Chris Reynolds

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Carlos & Emma Morgan & Tailor Jackson  
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## Mower Musings

It makes absolutely no sense at all why an asthmatic, hyper-allergic man in his forties would love to mow the lawn. My family assumes it's just another demonstration of my off-center way of looking at life. I've often tried to figure out the origin of this strange affliction. Of course my musings on my mowing fascination nearly always occur when... yep, you guessed it, when I'm mowing. The best I can figure it, there are several things that contribute to this fascination with mowing.

First, there are no phone calls or interruptions. Most folks don't interrupt a forty-five year old man in old grass-stained tennis shoes, who is red-faced, sweating profusely, and covered with bits of grass and dirt who is talking to himself. This is especially true when he is pushing a loud engine with a wildly spinning dangerous blade. It's nice to mow because I get to be alone with my thoughts and myself. It's hard to find good think-time. So I use my mowing time as think-time and clear away the clutter in mind.

Second, I get a real sense of accomplishment. So much of what I do has no sense of closure -- well, I guess funerals are the exception, but then that's a different matter. Ministry is a lot like raising kids and juggling warm Jell-O; about the time you get everything under control, things come apart and end up a huge mess. Ministry is good for humility, but not so great for a sense of accomplishment. It's nice to take a scraggily lawn, cut it in neat rows, and then take pride in the accomplished task. Third, I get to burn off some of my meanness. Without a physically demanding job, it is hard to work "a mad" off. I'm not sure where "a mad" comes from exactly, but I've got an idea that maybe it's some disease transmitted in car exhaust because mine always manifests after a rush hour commute. When I get "a mad," it is usually not directed at anyone in particular, it's just that frustrated, angry feeling that can ruin an evening with the family and hurt those I love. There are just some times when I need to mow to burn up "a mad" so I can be who God wants me to be with my family.

(By now, you're probably wondering, "What in the world is Christian or spiritual about a bunch of random musings about mowing?" To be honest, I don't really know myself. But as long as we've gotten this far, why not go ahead and finish.)

Fourth, I get to talk with God. When my mind is free from its many distractions, I begin to talk with God as I mow. It's a lot like Tevia in Fiddler on the Roof. I tell God what I'm sorry about over the past week. I pray for folks I love. I talk to him like I would my own father about how to help my children, encourage my wife, lead our church, or help folks mend problems between themselves. He never talks back; at least not directly. But the Father does use that time, in some way, because by the time the edging is done and the clippings are swept up, I feel like I have a lot better handle on things. I'm not nearly as stirred up about my problems. I'm tired, smelly, dirty, and sneezy, but I emerge with a new game plan and attitude for my life.

I've read the story of Abraham many times with a deep sense of wonder. I've noticed that he repeatedly built altars and offered sacrifices to God wherever he went. I see this as his real claim to fame. Without this, I don't believe Abe could have handled the big stuff -- leaving home without a destination, taking a long journey with a quarreling family, having miracle kids as an old man and be willing to sacrifice for God. I'm no Abraham. When my grandchildren talk about me, they're probably not going to have a long list of accomplishments to praise. But I'm comforted that at least they can talk about all the lawns I mowed, and how mowing made me a little easier to live with and helped me find God's way for my short journey through life. So if you see some forty-five year old man, red faced and pushing a mower, talking very animatedly to no one but himself, just realize it's me and I'm having one of my mower musings and celebrating a holy moment with God.

Phil Ware  
www.heartlight.org

"The Church With Heart"

## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### THANKS!

Thanks to Jeff & Pam Fennell and Rachel Huff for helping with the area-wide Jr. High Dodgeball night this past Sunday. We had 6 churches come along with over 100 teens.

### TEEN CLASSES

Join us Wednesday nights for "Standing Out & Standing Up." This will be a series of classes toward Godly living in a dark world. Don't miss it!

### HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITY

Join us this Sunday night for our High School Activity. We'll have details Sunday morning in class.

### ZEW RETREAT

Middle Schoolers: Nov. 19-21 are the dates for the Area-Wide Zew Retreat. Mark your calendars! Information and a sign up list will be out soon. Cost will be \$35. Deadline for signing up is Nov. 10.

### LTC

We are making plans for Leadership Training for Christ 2011. The theme this year is "Coming Soon" from the book of Revelation. We will have a sign-up meeting later this fall. Coaches: be thinking about your teams and scripts! Details are "Coming Soon."

### IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 14 High School Devotional  
Nov. 19-21 Middle School ZEW Retreat  
Nov. 21 Small Groups Meet  
Nov. 22 West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen



### Take A Break: Laugh A Little

A hypocrite has been accurately described as one who is not himself on Sunday.

Anyone can be tenacious if he'll just hang in there long enough.

Isn't it interesting that no matter what happens, we will discover a large number of people who "knew it would?"

Any marriage is in trouble when a man shows his worst side to his better half.

I wonder if the fish goes home and exaggerates the size of the bait it stole?

It's hard to say when one generation ends and the next begins -- but it's somewhere around 9 or 10 at night.

An optimist is a person who will use his last dollar to buy a money belt.

Remember, some of us learn from other people's mistakes and the rest of us have to be the other people.

## Growing in Grace by Mike Gravois

*Ruth 1:16b Where you go, I go; and where you live, I'll live.*

*Your people are my people, your God is my god.*

### Full Commitment

A family of refugees moves into her neighborhood and over time she falls in love with and marries one of the sons. Her in-laws often surprise Ruth. Their ways are different than hers. Most unique is their religion. They have but one God and they tell many stories of his deliverance of their people and his love for them. Their laws are just and intended to protect the weak. Even as Ruth is becoming a part of this family, the family begins coming apart. First, her father-in-law dies. Then her brother-in-law passes away and soon after that her own husband dies. In time, her broken-hearted mother-in-law declares that she is releasing the wives of her two deceased sons. The young women can marry again and start life anew. As for her, it is time she returns home. How sad: she left her homeland with a husband and two fine sons. Now she will return alone. Ruth is having none of this. In Naomi she has not only a mother-in-law but also a friend. Beyond that, going back to her old life, now that she had had a glimpse of something better, is unthinkable. So we come to her beautiful statement of commitment. She will cast her lot with Naomi. She will be her friend and she will make Naomi's values and Naomi's God her own. I wonder if my life, even in the face of heartache, has the potential to cause anyone to say, "I will serve and love the God you serve and love."

### Benevolence Center Need

The Benevolence Center is in need of men's long sleeved shirts.

### Wednesday Night Meal for Nov. 17:

Burgers, Fries & Homemade Pies

### Thank You

We appreciate those of you who held us up in prayer during my father's illness and death. Your words of encouragement, your cards and the lovely flowers have meant so much. We love you.

*Sharon Hammond and family*

Thank you for the meal, the flowers, the cards and many words of encouragement during Dad's illness and at his passing. In Christian love,

*The D.L. Thompson family*

### Lost & Found

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### Congratulations!



Seven graduates from UT Tyler were recognized as this year's distinguished alumni. We are proud of our own Terrence Ates who was included in that group and was given the 2010 Service Award. Terrence was featured in the Tyler Paper. He was a 2006 & 2008 graduate and is the Prostate Cancer Awareness Program manager & People Educating Communities about Tobacco chairman. He is also a planning member of the Tobacco Law Enforcement Conference & Prostate Health Initiative for Gregg & Smith counties, among other organizational involvement. Congratulations, Terrence!

### Welcome, New Members!

**Colby & Anna Chandler**

11451 CR 2249, Tyler, TX 75707

**Jeff & Robyn Horton**

10679 CR 4149, Tyler, TX 75704

530.513.3667 | jeffrobh@gmail.com

*We welcome you to the West Erwin family!*

### With Sympathy

Services for **Mary Edith Vincent**, mother of Vonnie Hamblett were Tuesday at The Hills Church of Christ. | Services for **Edwin Johnsen**, brother-in-law of Tommy Price, were Wednesday in Beaumont. Our love, prayers & sympathy are with these families.

### New Contact Info

**Chad & Amber Chauncey**

328 Highlander Heights

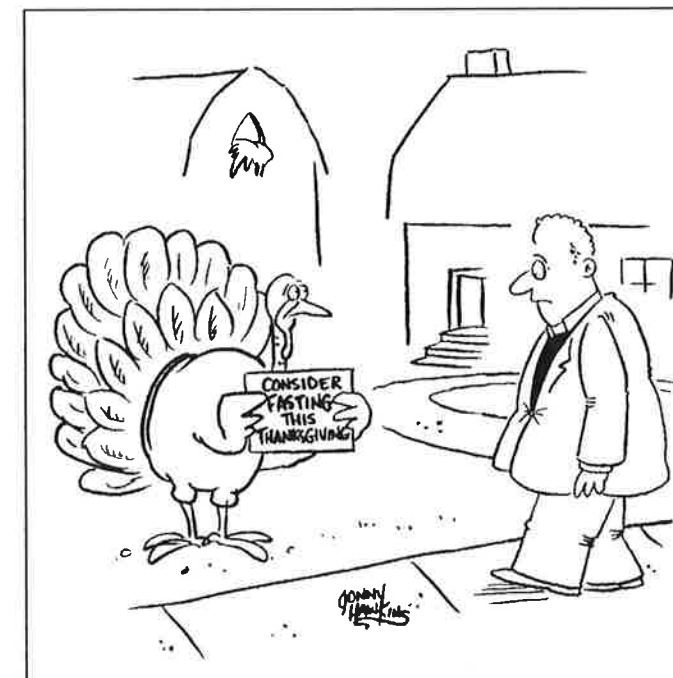
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<b>Worship a.m.</b>	626	892	629
<b>Worship p.m.</b>	384	NC	351
<b>Wed. p.m.</b>	323	NC	344
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**Hospitalized Baylor in Dallas:** Rachel Draughon, sister-in-law of Debbie Bynum, undergoing chemo & radiation for a very aggressive brain cancer. | **ETMC:** Mattie Hawkins, Kim Jordan's mother, heart infection, room 4419. | **Mother Frances Hospital:** Dean Brookshire | Cathy Skender, mother of Keith, ICU | **Park Place:** Velma Lemons, room 139 A | **Updates:** Patsy Fisher's cancer has returned, she began chemo on Monday. | **David Stevens**, Bettye Price's brother, is very ill in Temple. | **Alice Thompson** is now home. **With Sympathy:** Services are pending for **D.L. Thompson** who passed away this morning. | Services for **Frank Moore**, father of Larry, will be Friday at 10:00 a.m. at Lloyd James. Visitation will be Thursday from 6:00-8:00 p.m. | **West Erwin Family:** Milburn Cook | Wini Cullinan | Clinton & Louise Culpepper | Patsy Fisher | Wanda Frick | Phyllis Holleman | Jan Knight | Tommy Lowrance | Wade McDonald | Forest & Mary McFadden | Carol Morgan | Bettye Price | D.L. Thompson | Betty Willis | Ray Womack | **Ongoing concerns:** Johnny Anders | Darrell & Nell Beard | Delle Bullard | Kalli Huff | Archie Kennard | Dub & Opal Mathews | Bill & Ruby McCain | Penny McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | Maxine Ray | Liz Rogers Albritton | Ira & Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods | **Family & Friends:** Barbara Click, friend of Scott Baker | **Opal Golden**, sister of Rita Sitton | **Pat Gray**, sister of Fran Starnes | **Brett Finley**, son-in-law of the Womacks | **Aubrey Kinsley (cancer)**, brother-in-law of Esther Wilson | **Paul Pike**, son of John & Virginia | **Harman Reynolds**, grandfather of Chris Reynolds

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## Thanksgiving

Wilbur was a sweet man with a serious countenance — those who didn't know him would call him dour or crusty. But, his heart was good and generous and kind. His young grandson, who was four or five at the time, came to stay with his grandparents for a week. On weekdays, they had the typical southern breakfast — eggs, bacon, toast, orange juice, and coffee. On Saturday, however, Wilbur and Willie Maude usually had cereal and coffee or juice. They sat down at the breakfast table and Wilbur asked his young grandson to say the blessing. The little guy hesitated for a minute, and then prayed, "Dear God, we thank you for this breakfast ... even though it's small. In Jesus' name. Amen."

Wilbur cracked up with laughter.

We do have so many things for which we can be thankful. However, if we are not careful, the challenges of our moment in time can wilt the joy right out of our Thanksgiving. Like many of you, I've lost 1/3 of my retirement over the last year. I know folks on fixed incomes who are seriously hurting now financially. I opened an email this morning from a friend who will have no job this week. A family that I love is deep in grief during what is supposed to be a special and blessed time of the year.

These concerns easily give way to fear. With the negative orientation our news and gossip magazines take, our hearts can be seized with anxiety and dread. Our prayers soon become laundry lists of things for God to fix — listen to our words: "Give me!" "Help me!" "Heal me!" "Rescue me!"

Certainly we are to turn to God honestly and openly about the burdens of our hearts to "receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need" (Hebrews 4:16 TNIV). But with our cries for help, we must not forget the importance of being thankful for the incredible blessings we have in Jesus (Colossians 4:2).

God isn't asking us for false or forced thanksgiving

or some kind of simplistic relabeling of bad stuff. We are called back to the deep spiritual wells of grace we have in Jesus. From prison, Paul writes:

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ (Ephesians 1:3).

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:4-7).

Because we have Jesus, and because he has us, our future is secure. Our relationships in Christ are eternal. All partings and every agony we face here are temporary. With this hope, we are to reframe all of life in a chorus song of thanksgiving: Cultivate thankfulness. ... Let every detail in your lives — words, actions, whatever — be done in the name of the Master, Jesus, thanking God the Father every step of the way (Colossians 3:16-17 MSG).

In Jesus, the liturgy of our lives is thanksgiving — not just one day a year, but every day until we are lost in the thankful wonder of His presence, at home with Him forever. Yes, dear God, we do thank you for all the ways you have blessed us, for they are indeed, NOT small!

**The liturgy of our lives is thanksgiving.**

Phil Ware  
www.heartlight.org

"The Church With Heart"

## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### THANKS!

A very special thanks to all who helped with the Fall Festival. Thanks to the food crew, those who set up & cleaned up, the teens who ran the booths and all who brought cookies and candy! It was a great evening!

Thanks to John & Terry Shaw and Jeff & Melissa Parrish for teaching the teens these past few months. Thanks for sharing how God views money and the principles of good money management.

### AREA-WIDE JR. HIGH DODGEBALL

West Erwin will host the Area-Wide Jr. High Dodgeball night this coming Sunday. We will begin right after church and end by 8:15. We are expecting about 6 other youth groups. Please wear tennis shoes... no flip-flops or bare feet. Bring \$3 for supper.

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guys & gals focused classes on issues specific to teens in everyday life. Join us Wednesday night for details!

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### No Trespassing

The subject of rationalization has a "No Trespassing" sign hanging on it. It describes the way we attempt to be righteous when we are not. It's the path we usually take to get out our responsibility. If it works, then we can do what we want to do; we can think what we want to think. The problem is this; rationalization deceives ourselves as we try to deceive others.

For instance, if I should rationalize that one religion is as good as another, I say that in order to feel good about my own belief. No standards are necessary. I just keep telling myself that my belief is as good as another.

Another rationalization is: GOD has been good to me, therefore, I must be right. Can you feel the spiritual pride in these statements? GOD'S goodness is not a proof of our goodness. It's His goodness. The goal of rationalization is self-justification. On a scale of 1-10 (10 being an expert) how good are you at rationalization?

## Growing in Grace by Mike Gravois

### Nehemiah 13: Remember me, O my God.

### Summing up a good man's life

As we reach the conclusion of Nehemiah's story we find ourselves reflecting on this man's life. One thing that stands out is his leadership and vision. Even from far off Babylon Nehemiah envisions the great project of rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem. He organizes the work and stays on course through all kinds of distractions and discouragements. A second thing that comes to mind is his love for, and trust in, God. Nehemiah isn't driven by desire for power or to leave some sort of legacy. Instead, his eye is always on the God he serves. Finally, we see the third outstanding thing about Nehemiah. That is his spontaneous prayer life. Nehemiah doesn't wait until some specified time to pray, although it is clear that he does honor the scheduled worship times. For him, prayer is like breathing; a natural and necessary part of life. In the final words of his story, written by his own hand, three times he inserts short bursts of prayer, asking for God's favor in light of his faithfulness. We get the feeling that this is not just for the official record of his work but an example of what it was like to be around Nehemiah. Here's a man who practices the constant presence of God in his life and it is not unusual to hear him address the Almighty right in the middle of a conversation. This, is one of the greatest lessons we can learn from this good man.

## Ladies' Day in Winnsboro

Ladies are invited to the Ladies' Day & luncheon at the Winnsboro Church of Christ on November 10. See the flyer on the news & notes bulletin board by the Small Auditorium for more information.

## Blood Drive

West Erwin's Annual Blood Drive at the BENEVOLENT CENTER is scheduled for November 7. Please note the change in location from previous years.

## Wednesday Night Meal for Nov. 10:

Mexican Food



Dear West Erwin family,  
 It was so good to be with you again last Sunday. My oral surgery was successful. Thank you for the get well cards and visits. Continue to pray for us as Mother copes with chronic back pain. With Christian love,

Wade McDonald

To our West Erwin family,  
 We are so grateful to all of you who sent cards, notes of encouragement either by email, text, or Facebook, to those who called us, and to those who sent gifts and goodies while Kalli was in the hospital in Dallas for her surgery. Thank you also to those who made the trip to be with us on the day of Kalli's surgery. We are also especially grateful for lifting Kalli and our family up in prayer over the past several months. Your prayers and thoughtfulness have kept us afloat during this time. You have been so good to us. We don't know what we would do without our West Erwin family. In Him,

Rachel, Kalli and Krista Huff



Don't forget to FALL BACK one hour this Saturday night!

## Welcome, New Member!

Cathy Batchelor

7115 Pearl Street, Tyler, TX 75708

903.618.9058

We welcome you to the West Erwin family!

## Inquirer Class

If you are in Don Crawford's Sunday morning Bible class, read the book of Jude & look for milk, meat & honey.

## New Babies

Congratulations!

Paul and Carolyn Montandon are the proud grandparents of twin girls **Norah & June Myers**. They were born Monday, November 1 to Joey and Emily Myers. Norah was 5 lb. 11 oz. and June was 5 lb. 11 oz. They live in Searcy, Arkansas.

**A.J. Stewart** was born October 22 to Samantha Seaberry & Abram Stewart. He weighed 5 lb. 12 oz and was 18 inches long. Louise Seaberry is the proud great-grandmother.

## With Sympathy

Services for **Frank Moore**, father of Larry, were Friday at Lloyd James. Services for **Lee Rainer**, grandfather of DeAnne Rainer, were Wednesday at Cottle Funeral Home in Troup. Services are pending for **D.L. Thompson** who passed away Wednesday morning. Services for **Kathleen Tucker**, mother of Mary Scarborough, were Thursday in Houston. Our love, prayers & sympathy are with these families.

## Lost Jewelry

If you have lost any jewelry recently, contact the church office at 903-592-0809 as some pieces have been found.

## Lost & Found

Please remember to go by the Lost & Found cabinet in the Main Foyer to check for your lost items. Also, if you find items, please place them there and not at the Visitor Center. We appreciate your cooperation!



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Bible Class	515	358	402
Worship a.m.	892	626	657
Worship p.m.	NC	353	407
Wed. p.m.	NC	321	326
Contribution	\$23,254.13	\$29,090.56	32,818.60
Weekly Budget	\$27,981.00		

**Hospitalized:** Baylor in Dallas: Rachel Draughon, sister-in-law of Debbie Bynum, undergoing chemo & radiation for a very aggressive brain cancer. | Children's in Dallas: Kalli Huff | ETMC: Mattie Hawkins, Kim Jordan's mother, heart infection, room 4419. | Glynn Lowe, father of Sharon Hammond, ICU. | Harman Reynolds, grandfather of Chris, Olympic Center, room 4439. | Updates: Patsy Bullard, mother of Cathy Culpepper, had outpatient surgery on her jaw 10/21. | Velma Lemons is at Park Place. | Kay Parrish is home after surgery last week. | Novaleine Roddy, mother of Patsy Fisher, is now home. | David Stevens, Bettye Price's brother, is very ill in Temple. | Millie Tomlin has a bad case of shingles. | Kathleen Tucker, mother of Mary Scarborough, is in hospice in Houston. West Erwin Family: Bud Cawyer | Milburn Cook | Wini Cullinan | Clinton & Louise Culpepper | Patsy Fisher | Wanda Frick | Phyllis Holleman | Jan Knight | Tommy Lowrance | Wade McDonald | Forest & Mary McFadden | Carol Morgan | Bettye Price | D.L. Thompson | Betty Willis | Ray Womack | Ongoing concerns: Johnny Anders | Darrell & Nell Beard | Delle Bullard | Kalli Huff | Archie Kennard | Dub & Opal Mathews | Bill & Ruby McCain | Penny McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | Maxine Ray | Liz Rogers Albritton | Ira & Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods | Family & Friends: Opal Golden, sister of Rita Sitton | Pat Gray, sister of Fran Starnes | Brett Finley, son-in-law of the Womacks | Aubrey Kinsley (cancer), brother-in-law of Esther Wilson | Paul Pike, son of John & Virginia | Lee Rainer, grandfather of DeAnna Ranier

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Prayer Jim Armstrong  
Scripture Jeremy Wilson  
Dismiss Fred Wingate  
Presiding At The Lord's Table Jim Boyd

**SERVING COMMUNION**

Charles Harris Matt Haws  
Dalton Harris Gary Heath, Sr.  
Drew Harris Gary Heath, Jr.  
Mike Harris George Hill

**5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY**

Prayer Tommy Boudreau  
Scripture Jay Bynum  
Dismiss Jimmy Carty

**GREETERS**

Lee & Janice Kellenberger & Molly Harris  
Todd & Kenna Kempton & Megan Harris  
Odie & Dolores Kennedy & Ryan Haws  
**Visitor Center:** Robert & Mary Lee  
Carroll & Cherrie Magee

**Pick Up Cards for 10/31:** Nicolas Means, Dustin Means, Matthew Kimball, Brayden Kempton, Corey Prestidge

**Sound Booth for 10/31-11/7:** Curt Jordan & John Shaw

**Minibus Driver for Sunday and Wednesday:** Don Ingram  
ph. 903-253-4600. **Please call if you need transportation**

**Children's Ministry for 10/31:** Nursery a.m.: Sandra Wingate  
Toddlers a.m.: Carolyn Blackstone | Toddlers p.m.: Cayla Ables  
Children's Worship: Crystal Hill



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**Celebration - 2010**

In our culture, we celebrate many events such as weddings, birthdays, holidays and more. Webster's defines celebrate as "to commemorate an anniversary with festivity." This past Sunday we did just that as we recognized our 125 years of history as the church of Christ in downtown Tyler.

The blessings of the day were numerous. We were blessed with two excellent speakers, Gary Montgomery and Jay Lockhart, who gave us 3 lessons from God's Word. We were blessed in having numerous friends, family and former members share in our celebration. We were blessed with a beautifully joyful song service. The blessing continued as we prayed and shared in the memorial of the Lord's supper. We enjoyed a good meal, wonderful fellowship and yes, good weather. There were many highlights during this day, specifically the one honoring Dean Brookshire for his many years of service to the church.

Yes, the blessings were flowing and so was the love. Love for God and His Word, love for each other and love for those who, for so many years, followed the pattern to allow us to be who we are today: The West Erwin Church of Christ, serving from the heart of Tyler for 125 years!

Thanks to everyone who willingly served when asked (and there were many), for making last Sunday a true celebration. Unless we move to another congregation, most of us will never celebrate another milestone anniversary in our church history. The generations coming up will be able to look to the future to celebrate 200 years at West Erwin in 2085. May God's rich blessings continue to shower down on this church family.

*Fred Wingate*  
Elder

"The Church With Heart"



## West Erwin's 125th Anniversary & Homecoming

October 24, 2010, we celebrated our 125th Anniversary! We had 892 people in attendance and were thrilled to reunite with some of our former members. Below are some pictures from our special day.



**Gary Montgomery**, former Education/Youth Minister, conducted our Adult Bible Class.



**Jay Lockhart**, former Pulpit Minister, preached Sunday morning & afternoon.



**Bruce Beaver & Eric Thornton**, former Youth Interns, conducted our Middle & High School class.

### Events of Interest

**Senior Information Seminar** at Chandler Street Church of Christ, October 30.

**Ladies' Day & luncheon** at the Winnsboro Church of Christ, November 10.

See the flyers on the news & notes bulletin board by the Small Auditorium.

### Blood Drive

West Erwin's Annual Blood Drive at the Family Life Center is scheduled for November 7. A representative from Carter BloodCare will be in the foyer on October 31 to answer questions and to sign you up to give.

### Wednesday Night Meal for Nov. 3:

Italian- Bruno's

### Arms of Hope Needs

Paper Plates and/or Paper Towels by November 1.

### New Address

G.W. Cliver

20759 Atlanta Rd., Seaford, DE 19973

### Telephone Equipment Assistance

If you are a Texas resident with a disability & are having difficulty using a telephone, help is available to find the equipment best suited to meet your need. This equipment is FREE of charge through the Texas STAP Outreach Program. Join us Thursday, November 4 at 1:30 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall at Bullard Church of Christ. Contact Richard Fedell for more info: 903-894-7039.

### Thank You from WEPS

The West Erwin Playschool would like to thank everyone who supported us in our recent cookie dough fundraiser. We raised about \$1000 to be spent on improving our classrooms. All cookie dough will be delivered to the playschool on Thursday, October 28. You can pick it up in the school office before 2:30 p.m. For special arrangements on pick up, call Angie Coleman at 903-312-7020. Thank you!



**Sunday, October 31**  
6:15-8:30 p.m.  
Family Life Center  
Carnival booths for children  
Birth-5th Grade  
Games, Prizes & Costume Contest!  
Please bring a bag of wrapped candy.  
Refreshments will be served.

### Fall Festival Info

All teens & anyone helping with the Fall Festival, we will be setting up the Family Life Center on Saturday, October 30 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. We also still need cookies & candy.

### Thank You

I want to express my deep appreciation for the plaque and the honor bestowed upon me last Sunday. I love West Erwin dearly.

**Dean Brookshire**

Thank you so much for the wonderful wedding shower you gave us last Sunday afternoon. You are such generous people and we were encouraged by your overflow of kindness. We pray God's richest blessings on you always.

**Jake Smith & Brittany Carter**

**The Davy Carter family**

**The Steve Smith family**

### New Program for Little Ones

A new program, Little Church, has begun for children 14 months up to 3 years during our worship time. It is held in the Toddler Room. Three and four-year-olds will continue to attend Children's Worship, held in the bright yellow room.



Hugs, handshakes and lots of visiting filled the day as we reunited with some of our brothers & sisters in Christ.



## OCTOBER 31, 2010

# THE \$1,000,000 SUNDAY

## THE BIBLE. WE WANT EVERYONE TO GET IT.

RUSSIA & UKRAINE KNOW WHAT IS GOOD FOR THEM. THEY HAVE ASKED US TO PUT BIBLES IN THEIR PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AGAIN. FOR THE FIRST TIME, EEM WILL PROVIDE BIBLES TO TWO STATES IN TWO NATIONS AT ONCE. 1,063 PUBLIC SCHOOLS, OVER 250,000 STUDENTS. WE ARE ASKING CHURCHES OF CHRIST NATIONWIDE FOR \$1,000,000, COLLECTIVELY, SO WE CAN GIVE ALL OF THE SCHOOLS THE BIBLES FOR WHICH THEY ASKED. EASTERN EUROPEAN MISSION ANNOUNCES THE \$1,000,000 SUNDAY FOR OCTOBER 31, 2010. PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER HOW YOU CAN FILL SCHOOLS WITH GOD'S WORD.



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**GUEST ARTICLE**

## From The Heart Of Tyler-125 Years

The church in Tyler, TX dates back to 1885 when a few brethren began to meet in South Tyler. Around the turn of the 20th century, the church moved to Mary Street and in 1922 began meeting in a "tabernacle," a sheet iron building, at 420 West Erwin. In 1927 a beautiful new building, seating 400, was ready for use at this location. By 1955, a new auditorium with a capacity of 800 was constructed and in 1966 an educational building was added. In 1968 and again in 1986 the auditorium was remodeled and other building projects included a fellowship hall (1979), a benevolent center (1985), a new auditorium (1992), and finally a family life center and a new benevolent building. Buildings never tell the whole story of a church, but they do indicate growth and commitment to the mission of the church. Throughout all of the 125 years of West Erwin's history, this church has fulfilled its God-given mission of saving the lost. To this end, the emphasis of West Erwin has been to preach the gospel at home and abroad, to care for those in need, and to build up the body of Christ.

As the church at West Erwin celebrates its 125th anniversary, there are three important things for each of us to keep in mind:

1. *Let us honor the past.* In the past 125 years there have been many who have dreamed big dreams, served beyond the call of duty, and made tremendous sacrifices to bring, with the help of God, the church to where it is today. We must never forget our heritage.
2. *Let us serve in the present.* It is so important for the church of today to hold high the flaming torch of the cause of Christ so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ our Lord.
3. *Let us have vision and faith for the future.* As we look to the future, may we commit ourselves to being the people of God and the church of the Lord. Let us do all that we can, as the Lord continues to bless us, to be "the light from the heart of Tyler" in all the coming years.

Jay Lockhart  
October 21, 2010



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**125<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

This coming Sunday, West Erwin will celebrate 125 years of serving from the Heart of Tyler. This is a huge milestone for the West Erwin congregation. Our teens will be blessed this Sunday morning in Bible Class with 2 guys who have worked with us in the past: Bruce Beaver & Eric Thornton. Teens... Don't miss this Sunday!

**FALL FESTIVAL**

The annual Children's Fall Festival falls this year on Sunday, Oct. 31. The West Erwin Youth Ministry will sponsor this event for all children ages birth through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Of course, everyone is invited to attend! We need about 40 dozen cookies and lots of bags of wrapped candy. If you are interested in helping set up, run a booth or bring cookies, there will be a sign up list at the visitors center.

Teens & Adults: we will set up for the Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 30 from 9:00-11:30. Anyone interested in helping set up will be welcomed!

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Our teens are in an 8 week study focused on "What We Value" and "What God Values." Don't miss this series as each week will be a

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**Anniversary & Homecoming**

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**Events of Interest**

**Gospel Meeting** at The Chandler Street Church of Christ, October 24-27.

**Senior Information Seminar** at Chandler Street Church of Christ, October 30.

**Ladies' Day & luncheon** at the Winnsboro Church of Christ, November 10.

See the flyers on the news & notes bulletin board by the Small Auditorium.

**Blood Drive**

West Erwin's Annual Blood Drive at the Family Life Center is scheduled for November 7. A representative from Carter BloodCare will be in the foyer on October 31 to answer questions and to sign you up to give.

**Wednesday Night Meal for Oct.27:**

BBQ

**Arms of Hope Needs**

Paper Plates and/or Paper Towels by November 1.

**Letter from Germany**

Dear Brethren in Christ: With great joy I read in your bulletin that you are celebrating 125 years of service in Tyler. I am so proud of the fact that I was able to mission work in Austria and Germany under the Eldership of West Erwin for many years in the time of Bro. George Stephenson. God bless you!

With love,  
**Rudolf Rischer**



**Sunday, October 31**  
**6:15-8:30 p.m.**  
**Family Life Center**  
**Carnival booths for children**  
**Birth-5th Grade**  
**Games, Prizes & Costume Contest!**  
**Please bring a bag of wrapped candy.**  
**Refreshments will be served.**

**Thank You**

I want to thank my Christian friends for the prayers, lovely cards, calls and for your concern for me during my hospitalization. I love you all.

**Betty Willis**

West Erwin Church of Christ, Thank you so much for your warm thoughts and prayers and for the beautiful flowers sent for Bill Stevens. Love,

**Shirley & family**

Thank you for the beautiful flowers that were sent to the funeral of Martha A. Murphy.

**Husband Herbie Max Murphy**

**Daughter Karen A. Murphy**

**Son Gary M. Murphy & family**

**New Address**

**Priscilla Mayer**

309 E. Bailey, Cuero, TX 77954

903-570-1786 | 361-275-3027

OCTOBER 31, 2010

**THE \$1,000,000 SUNDAY**  
**THE BIBLE. WE WANT EVERYONE TO GET IT.**

RUSSIA & UKRAINE KNOW WHAT IS GOOD FOR THEM. THEY HAVE ASKED US TO PUT BIBLES IN THEIR PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AGAIN. FOR THE FIRST TIME, EEM WILL PROVIDE BIBLES TO TWO STATES IN TWO NATIONS AT ONCE. 1,063 PUBLIC SCHOOLS, OVER 250,000 STUDENTS. WE ARE ASKING CHURCHES OF CHRIST NATIONWIDE FOR \$1,000,000, COLLECTIVELY, SO WE CAN GIVE ALL OF THE SCHOOLS THE BIBLES FOR WHICH THEY ASKED. EASTERN EUROPEAN MISSION ANNOUNCES THE \$1,000,000 SUNDAY FOR OCTOBER 31, 2010. PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER HOW YOU CAN FILL SCHOOLS WITH GOD'S WORD.

**New Program for Little Ones**

A new program, Little Church, is beginning this Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, for children 14 months up to 3 years during our worship time. It will be held in the Toddler Room. 3 and 4-year-olds will continue to attend Children's Worship, held in the bright yellow room.



**Show Some Teeth!**

Sunday is our big celebration! We expect the building to be running over with people. How refreshingly different it is to be in a church where people smile and greet one another with joy. So, be sure to show some teeth!

**Annual West Erwin Blood Drive**

Coming November 7th

Here are some great words to remember:

**Live Simply**

**Love Generously**

**Care Deeply**

**Speak Kindly**

**Leave the rest to GOD!**

May your week be filled with peace!

**Growing in Grace** by Mike Gravois

**Nehemiah 8: The God of Second Chances**

Many of those listening to Ezra read and explain the Scripture this day left the land of their birth to return to this land of their ancestors. They left family and friends, security and comfort to go to an unsecured city that was not a city at all; rather, it was a pile of rubble. They made the hazardous journey to Jerusalem and then braved real opposition as they labored to rebuild the wall and prepared to re-occupy the City of David. As this task is completed, a holy event is planned. Governor Nehemiah and Priest Ezra organize an event centered on the Word of the Lord. However, something unexpected happens as Ezra reads and explains the Scripture to them. These good people begin to weep and wail. The sense of celebration is replaced with a feeling of failure and fear. The leaders have to act quickly or this holy day will turn in to a day of mourning. Why is it that the people react as they do? I think it's because they begin to grasp the enormity of their sins and that of their forefathers. Generations earlier, King Josiah responds in the same way when the Book of God is found in the Temple. As he hears it read he's alarmed and responds in humble fear of God. There's a place for this kind of response to God's Word. In fact, I need to be fearful and heartbroken when I realize my sin. However, the story must never end here. The Word of God is not intended to condemn me. Instead, it's to be for me a wonderful message of hope. I've failed God and should stand condemned but God is gracious and offers me hope. The bad news is that I've sinned against God. The good news is that he's the God of Second Chances graciously offering me and you hope and restoration.





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<b>Records</b>	<b>Sunday– Oct. 3</b>	<b>Sunday– Oct. 3</b>	<b>Year Ago</b>
<b>Bible Class</b>	366	373	335
<b>Worship a.m.</b>	613	646	599
<b>Worship p.m.</b>	342	364	335
<b>Wed. p.m.</b>	335	352	311
<b>Contribution</b>	\$20,156.99	\$31,448.09	\$23,714.16
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	\$27,981.00		

**Hospitalized ETMC:** **Velma Lemons**, room. 5813. | **Glynn Lowe**, father of Sharon Hammond, ICU. | **Evelyn Messer**, gallbladder surgery. | **Herman Reynolds**, grandfather of Chris, room 4439. | **Updates Paul Boles**, father of Judy Hamm, has been moved to Briarcliff after being hospitalized. | **Kalli Huff** is now home. | **Jason Kellenberger** will have surgery 10/22 in Dallas. | **Brittany Kempton** was taken to ER from services last night but is home. | **Vanessa Paz's** father passed away Friday. Services were Saturday. | **Jerry Mitchell** had nose surgery last week and is at home. | **Lee Rainer**, grandfather of DeAnna Ranier, has stopped chemotherapy after his last scan showed his cancer has spread. | **Herman Reynolds**, grandfather of Chris, had a lower leg amputation Wed. | **Mary Scarborough's** mother fell last week and was hospitalized several days. She is now home, but is bedridden and in a lot of pain, fading in and out of consciousness. | **David Stevens**, Bettye Price's brother, is very ill in Temple. | **West Erwin Family:** Bud Cawyer | Milburn Cook | Wini Cullinan | Clinton & Louise Culpepper | Patsy Fisher | Wanda Frick | Phyllis Holleman | Jan Knight | Tommy Lowrance | Wade McDonald | Forest & Mary McFadden | Carol Morgan | Bettye Price | D.L. Thompson | Betty Willis | Ray Womack | **Ongoing concerns:** Johnny Anders | Darrell & Nell Beard | Delle Bullard | Kalli Huff | Archie Kennard | Dub & Opal Mathews | Bill & Ruby McCain | Penny McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | Maxine Ray | Liz Rogers Albritton | Ira & Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods | **Family & Friends:** **Nancy Chandler**, (ALS), Wanda Cook's daughter, Tom Cook's sister | **Pat Gray**, sister of Fran Starnes | **Brett Finley**, son-in-law of the Womacks | **Aubrey Kinsley** (cancer), brother-in-law of Esther Wilson | **Gary Martin** (Parkinson's), friend of the Cawyers | **L.T. Murry**, father of Jon Murry & Laurie Kimball | **Lee Rainer**, grandfather of DeAnna Ranier

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Bob Hackett Sonny Hale  
Scott Hackett Tom Hale  
Dan Haile David Hammond  
Preston Haile James Hardin

**5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY**

Prayer Ernest Bennett  
Scripture Chris Ables  
Dismiss Wayne Berryman

**GREETERS**

Lon & Riece Gibson & Kaitlyn Gravois  
Sonny & Sharon Hale & Wyatt Gruver  
Mike & Kristi Harris & Preston Haile  
**Visitor Center:** James & Ann Hardin  
Tom & Beverly Hale

**Pick Up Cards for 10/17:** Grant Perkins, Matthew Christian, Keaton Conder, Colton Haile, Caleb DuPree

**Sound Booth for 10/17-10/24:** Terry Frick & Mark Frick

**Minibus Driver for Sunday and Wednesday:** Don Ingram  
ph. 903-253-4600. **Please call if you need transportation.**

**Children's Ministry for 10/17:** Nursery a.m.: Stacy Turner  
Toddlers a.m: Kris Walker | Toddlers p.m.: Carolyn Welborn  
Children's Worship: Laurie Stone



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## GUEST ARTICLE

### The Secret Is Exercise

That's the phrase the family doctor used as he spoke recently with a busy and successful young man in his 40s who had suffered a heart attack and was going home for recovery. "Take your meds and get a lot of rest, but the real secret in regaining your health and strength is *exercise*, and lots of it!"

Those were his words and, as we all get a bit older, we hear them often. That wonderful body created by God's marvelous plan involves intricate engineering driven by details carefully designed by the Master as Genesis 1:26 says, "let us make man in our image, according to our likeness..." The Psalmist declared it to be "fearfully and wonderfully made" Psalm 119. Because it is the house for God's Holy Spirit, we are compelled and commanded to take good care of that body.

But there's another need for exercise in a spiritual sense, more important because it affects our preparations for eternity. 1 Timothy 4:6-11 tells us how to stay spiritually fit and "nourished in the words of faith and of the good doctrine which you have carefully followed." It begins and ends in spiritual exercise, which he calls "godliness, profitable for all things, having a promise to the life that now is and of that which is to come." We can't just talk about our faith; we've got to deliberately develop a plan for spiritual exercise. He calls us to:

*Walk in the light.* Our lord is the light of the world, and we must learn to stay out of the dark and "walk in the light as He is in the light." When we do so, we share a wonderful fellowship in Christ and find that forgiveness and peace in Him. See 1 John 1:7. In a busy world filled with *potholes as well as blessings*, we must hear Paul in Ephesians 5:15, "Look therefore carefully how you walk..." Yes, we are called to "walk by faith and not by sight" in 2 Corinthians 5:7, but that simple command assumes that our eyes are wide open and fixed on the source of faith, His holy Word!

Lift up our eyes and see the opportunities and joy of Christian living. Psalm 123:1, "Unto you I lift up my eyes. O You who dwell in the heavens." To those disciples who were absorbed with earthly needs and things, Jesus tells them in John 4:35, "Behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white unto harvest!"

Arm yourselves and be ready for the challenges and battles that lie ahead, for you and I know that they are coming. Peter explains in 1 Peter 4:1,2 "Forasmuch then as Christ has suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind..." It means putting on the "whole armor of God." Ephesians 6:11. Only then are we prepared and ready.

Buffet our body daily with the exercise that comes from personal discipline and purpose. Just as Paul talks about how to "discipline my body and bring it into subjection," we must do the same with our spiritual bodies. We do it by "Desiring the sincere milk of the Word" and eating "Strong meat" that belongs to them that are of full age. See 1 Thessalonians 5:21 and Hebrews 5:14. Weakness comes from a diet void of God's Word, our spiritual nutrition.

Finally, *running* is necessary for good spiritual health. The Hebrew writer calls us to "run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith..." And as the way gets long and your years many, Isaiah 40:31 promises, "They shall run and not be weary..."

If we are going to maintain good healthy souls, we must be certain to get the right amount of exercise. Only then can we be ready to work and serve Him who died for us. So, get your spiritual exercise, and you'll be healthier and happier now and in the days to come!

Gary Montgomery

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"The Church With Heart"

## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### FALL FESTIVAL

The annual Children's Fall Festival falls this year on Sunday, Oct. 31. The West Erwin Youth Ministry will sponsor this event for all children ages birth through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Of course, everyone is invited to attend! We need about 40 dozen cookies and lots of bags of wrapped candy. If you are interested in helping set up, run a booth or bring cookies, there will be a sign up list at the visitors center.

### FALL CLASSES

Our teens will be in an 8 week study focused on "What We Value" and "What God Values." Don't miss this series as each week will be a building block for the next week. Jeff & Melissa Parrish and John & Terry Shaw will be teaching this series.

Beginning Nov. 3 we are planning to have another series of guys & gals focused classes on issues specific to teens in everyday life.

### ZEW RETREAT

Middle Schoolers: Nov. 19-21 are the dates for the Area-Wide Zew Retreat. Mark your calendars! Information and a sign up list will be out soon. Cost will be \$35.

### LTC

We are making plans for Leadership Training for Christ 2011. The theme this year is "Coming Soon" from the book of Revelation. We will have a sign-up meeting later this fall. Coaches: be thinking about your teams and scripts! Details are "Coming Soon."

### IMPORTANT DATES

Oct. 17 Small Groups Meet  
Oct. 24 West Erwin's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Oct. 31 Fall Festival  
Nov. 7 Area-Wide Jr. High Dodgeball  
Nov. 19-21 Middle School ZEW Retreat  
Nov. 22 West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen



people the same way He sees them. Therefore, the most godlike thing we can do is to treat people like Jesus did.

As you read John 9 this next week may these words find a deeper meaning.

Touch people and watch GOD work!

Annual West Erwin Blood Drive  
Coming November 7th

When we belong to Christ His love compels us and we begin to see people in a whole new way. "From now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view". We have a new view of people because "if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation". The old view of people is gone! (2 Cor 5:14-17). The new view of people has come. GOD, who loves people calls us to see

## Growing in Grace by Mike Gravois

### Nehemiah 6: I'm doing a great work; I can't come down.

I think this is my favorite quote from Nehemiah. His enemies have tried intimidation but Nehemiah refuses to be intimidated. Now they resort to the ploy of trying to lure him away from Jerusalem where they can do him harm. They suggest a meeting of the minds, a "friendly" get together where they can discuss their differences. Nehemiah sees it all for what it is: an attempt to stop him from doing what God called him to do. Four times they invite him to cease the work and

come to their meeting and each time he sends word back, "I'm doing a great work; I can't come down." Not everything we do is a "great work." Sometimes we'd be better off to put our agenda on hold and do something different instead. However, if we're sure it's God's work that we are doing we too, can respond in Nehemiah's words. In fact, we ought to. This principle applies to church members who say, "That church down the road has a better song leader, (children's, teen's, senior adult's, etc.) program so we're going to go there." If you're where God wants you to be there's no better place to be than right here, right now. Just tell 'em that you are "doing a great work and can't come down."

## Anniversary & Homecoming

Make plans now to be present October 24, 2010, as we celebrate our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! Jay Lockhart will be preaching and we will have a luncheon after services in the Family Life Center.



### Mark Your Calendars

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November 7- West Erwin's Annual Blood Drive at the Family Life Center.

### Wednesday Night Meal for Oct.20:

Burgers, Fries & Homemade Pies

### Arms of Hope Needs

Paper Plates and/or Paper Towels by November 1.

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### New Address

Kathie Thompson  
317 Maggie Circle, Flint, TX 75762  
kdthomp312@hotmail.com

MR. AND MRS. GARY E. KEATON  
REQUEST THE HONOUR OF YOUR PRESENCE  
AT THE MARRIAGE OF THEIR DAUGHTER

*Evelyn Marie*

TO

*Tyler Ron Lott*

SON OF MR. AND MRS. RON A. LOTT  
SATURDAY, THE TWENTY THIRD OF  
OCTOBER

TWO THOUSAND AND TEN  
TWO O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON  
WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST  
420 WEST ERWIN STREET  
TYLER, TEXAS

Please join us for a bridal shower honoring

*Brittany Carter*

Sunday, October 17  
3:30-4:30 p.m.

West Erwin Family Life Center  
Selections at Walmart,

Target, Home Depot & Bed, Bath & Beyond  
(Be sure to note the registry is under Brittany L. Carter & Jacob A. Smith or Jake Smith and the event is in Oklahoma.)

### Welcome, New Member

Scott Baker

163 Eisenhower Dr., Tyler, TX 75704  
903.593.4273

*We welcome you to the West Erwin family!*

### Deacons Set Up

All Deacons: We will be setting up the Family Life Center for our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Wednesday, 10/20 at 6:30 p.m. Please make arrangements to help in this matter.

**THANK YOU!**  
THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

I find it hard to come up with the words to express my love and appreciation to my church family at West Erwin. Thanks for the prayers, calls and cards at my last surgery. Also, thanks for the beautiful floral basket at the funeral of my brother, Bill Stevens. The comfort and support shown during these times make me realize how great it is to be in the "Family of God."

*Betty Price & the Stevens Family*

Dear West Erwin Members, you really do get it: John 13:34. Every card, every call, every prayer, every hug, every visit with treats, every word of support is proof that you get it! You have been a wonderful support in "good news" times and you are wonderfully supportive in "bad news" times. We are not the first or the only ones to receive this support, but we want to express just what your support means. We love our W.E. family. Thank you,

*Carolyn & Ray Womack*

Thank you so much for the beautiful arrangement on behalf of my sister, Ann Murphy.

*Ila McLemee*



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<b>Records</b>	<b>Sunday- June 6</b>	<b>Sunday- May 30</b>	<b>Year Ago</b>
<b>Bible Class</b>	385	372	405
<b>Worship a.m.</b>	640	592	621
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<b>Wed. p.m.</b>	314	303	311
<b>Contribution</b>	\$23,508.47	\$24,612.25	\$22,359.50
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**Hospitalized** Baylor in Dallas: **Mary Hunt**, former member | **Lynn and Marjorie Sherrod**, Glenwood members | **ETMC: Dell Lott**, mother of Ron Lott, suffered a heart attack & had a stent put in. | **Olympic Center: Jan Knight** | **Health South: Carolyn McCune**, was scheduled to go home Friday | **Updates** **Larry Bigham**, James Sublette's brother-in-law, will have cancer surgery on his tongue in July. | **Tracy Brown**, uncle of Joey Marse, is having heart problems. | **Stuart Means** is undergoing tests after a bike accident. | **Kaitlyn Moorehead**, four-month-old great granddaughter of Roy & Fern Bench, was admitted to a hospital in Nacogdoches Wednesday with an infection. | **Carol Morgan** will have thyroid cancer surgery June 15. | **Jim Obermeyer**, brother of Elaine Fisk, is having health problems. | **Bettye Price** is now home. | **Wilma Wilson**, sister of Dolores Kennedy, fell Saturday and broke her shoulder. They are still determining what treatment she will undergo. **West Erwin Family** Milburn Cook | Wini Cullinan | Joe Elerson | Patsy Fisher | Addie Marie Haraidd | Tommy Lowrance | Mary McFadden | Bettye Price | Molly Lou Terry *Ongoing concerns:* Johnny Anders | Darrell & Nell Beard | Delle Bullard | Kalli Huff | Dub & Opal Mathews | Bill & Ruby McCain | Penny & Wade McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | Maxine Ray | George Richardson | Liz Rogers | Ira & Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods | **Family & Friends:** **Beni Carroll**, co-worker of Elaine Fisk | **Pat Gray**, sister of Fran Starnes | **Lawrence Hollaway**, brother of Linda Westerfeld | **Derinda Vaughn**, teenage relative of the Caywers

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Scripture Dale Blackstone  
Dismiss Jim Boyd

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## Moments with Mike

### A Life Story

I enjoy reading good books and I really enjoy reading the story of a famous person's life. Biographies and autobiographies have always held a certain fascination with me. They even have a channel on TV (Biography) to help feed my need to know more about people.

Among the books I read each year I always try to have 3 or 4 good biographical books. I especially enjoy discovering nuggets of insight into a person's life showing that they overcame obstacles.

Of course, we all face obstacles in our lives and most of them we meet head on and trudge our way right on through. But on occasion we meet an obstruction to our plans that just seems to get the best of us.

That's where I enjoy reading about how others have faced even greater problems and still worked their way though to success. It is as if they are writing their story just to show the rest of us the way to our goals.

I like that for several reasons. First of all, I don't want to be the first one to ever face a problem. I'd rather be way on down the list and able to see the example of others and use that as my guide. Knowing that others overcame the same problem gives me strength.

Secondly, I love knowing how the person's life turned out and then learning about the difficulties they

overcame. It's like watching a recorded ballgame when you already know the final score. I feel for their struggle but know already that they can (and will) overcome.

Finally, I like these because a well written, believable life story includes lessons from failures as well as victories. Reading about the lessons from failures causes me to value that person's success all the more.

One of the best sources for life stories is our Bible. In it you will read of well known men and women. Some were faithful to the end. Others were not. But all faced obstacles, temptations, trials and fears.

God provided us with a view into their lives. We can learn that we are not the first to face the problem. We learn how they faced it. We read their story often already knowing the outcome of their life. So we root for their success, but already know their decisions. And finally we know that no one but Jesus was perfect. They all had failures as well as successes.

Friends, our "life story" is being read by others each day as we live it. Let's live in such a way to lead others through the problems and on to the victories of life.

As Paul said, "Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ" 1 Cor. 11:1. Think about it.

See you Sunday! Mike

2010 Theme  
*We Believe*

Sermons for June 13, 2010, by Mike Baker  
A.M.: Why Is Baptism So Important? (Acts 2:37-38)  
P.M.: Avoid Wrong Attitudes (Rom. 12:10)  
Tune in to KTBB AM 600 Sundays from 7:30-8:00 a.m.  
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"The Church With Heart"

## Youth With Heart... *by Danny*

### THANKS!

Thanks to all the teens and adults for helping with the Service Projects this past week. You guys were awesome! I appreciate your spirit of service.

Thanks to Mike Gravois & Michael Ragsdale for taking care of the devotional this past Sunday night in my absence.

Thanks to all of you for your prayers and support for our family these past few weeks and in the passing of Lisa's mom. Were it not for our church family, we would not have made it.

### BACKCOUNTRY TREK

This Sunday, 18 of us from West Erwin will be leaving for New Mexico's Pecos Wilderness for our BackCountry Trek. We will be packing into the Jicarita Peak area. Please pray for our safety, good health and good weather. We will return on Saturday, June 19.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL MYSTERY

Our Middle School Madness trip has been officially

renamed... to Middle School Mystery! The dates are July 13-16. Some of us know the details but the rest will just have to wait and see! It will be a blast so sign up now!

### NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

We are finalizing plans for the Nebraska Mission Trip. The Dates are July 1-10. We will have a meeting this Sunday afternoon at 5:00 to work on classes. Please meet in the High School Classroom.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVO

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## I've Been Thinking

I've been thinking. I've also been told that can get me into trouble. But, I've been thinking the church has conveniently forgotten how inconvenient it can be to be a follower of Jesus.

In Mark 6 Jesus and his tired disciples were headed for a place of rest. They were seen getting into a boat and the crowds raced from town to town around the lake to get to the other side ahead of them. When they came to shore a crowd of thousands were there waiting for them. So, Jesus began to

teach them about many things. As it grew later and later the disciples began to advise Jesus to dismiss them and send them away so they could seek food for themselves. That's when Jesus said to his disciples, "You give them something to eat."

They were headed for a little R & R. GOD had other plans. Jesus took the time to teach the people about the kingdom of heaven. He also took the time to teach the twelve that it will be inconvenient at times to be available when GOD calls. Trust Him anyway. Do the honorable thing.

*Don Crawford*

## Growing in Grace *by Mike Gravois*

Don Crawford did a wonderful job last Sunday morning with his lesson "Lord, teach us to pray." We can learn a great deal from the prayers of Jesus. In *John 17* Jesus prays for Himself, His disciples, and for us.

*<sup>20</sup> "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, <sup>21</sup> that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup> I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: <sup>23</sup> I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."*

*John 17:20-23*

What does Jesus request of His Father in His prayer for you and I? He prays that we may be brought to complete unity, just as Jesus and His father are one. He also prays that we may be one with the Father and His Son so that the world may believe that God sent Jesus to reconcile a lost world. Not only did Jesus teach His disciples to pray, He prays for us as His ministry in earth draws to a close.

Although we have different spiritual gifts, talents, and abilities, we are asked to share and combine them to meet the needs of the body. We are called to be "*one body*" *1 Corinthians 12:12-31*. When outsiders look at West Erwin do they see *one body*? one family? one group of people with a common vision? Was Jesus' prayer for us successful?

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**Summer VBS - Egypt: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace - Saturday, August 7**

from 9:00am - 3:00pm.

*Sign-Ups begin this Sunday. Look for the table in the foyer.*

## With Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Harvey Strickland and the Snell family on the loss of **Verla Strickland**. Services were Monday at Center Cemetery in Tyler. | A memorial service for **Elizabeth Hughes** will be June 15 at the West Erwin Church of Christ at 11:00 a.m. Our love, prayers and sympathy are with the family. | Our deepest sympathy is extended to Chad & Amber Chauncey on the loss of Chad's aunt, **Mary Jane Higgs**. Services were last Thursday in Sanger. Our love and prayers are with these families during their losses.



A special thanks for the calls and lovely cards I received on my 83rd birthday! With love,

*Jessie Smith*

Dear West Erwin family, Thank you so much for the NIV Bible. I know it will be useful to have more than one copy of the Word with me as I begin my college life at Texas A&M. I am blessed to have such a wonderful church family! Gig 'Em,

*Caroline Weathers*

A special 'Thank You' to Danny Snell and all the kids for doing such a great 'clean up' job outside at my home. How blessed West Erwin is to have you in our family.

*Louise Seaberry*

To our Christian family, Alan and I want to express our appreciation to each of you for your prayers and all of your other expressions of love as we have begun our journey through cancer. Many of you have prepared food for us, called and visited us. We have also received many cards. I am only half way through the radiation therapy. Then I will continue the chemo with increased dosages. Please continue your prayers because we sincerely believe that God can make all of the difference. I choose to believe! Love and thanks,

*Alan & Patsy Fisher*

West Erwin Family, Thank you for the Bible I received for graduation. This Bible will be greatly used in my future and I will always remember my church family at West Erwin. In Him,

*Holt Henderson*

Just a little note of thanks to all of you for the flowers, cards, calls and prayers. It means a lot to us in the loss of our Dad.

*David, Glenda, Sue & Ray Wright  
Glenda & Hugh Mills and all children*

Dear brethren, We don't know how to say thank you. The last 9 months have been very difficult but all things are better. Your love and support, in numerous ways, have helped sustain us. We pray God's richest blessing on each of you.

*Ira & Esther Wilson*

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## Welcome New Members!

**Randy & Trish Stancill**

P.O. Box 1859, Van, TX 75790

Randy-972.816.3335 | Trish-903.316.8046

r.stancill@att.net | trish@inhim.com

**Vanessa Paz, Emanuel Paz, Elizabeth Paz**, all students at TJC, placed membership June 6 and come to us from the Iglesia de Cristo in Mt. Pleasant.

918 S. Palmer Avenue, Tyler, TX 75701

903.424.3276

*Welcome to the West Erwin family!*

## Books & Bindings Book Club

*Making Rounds with Oscar, the Extraordinary Gift of An Ordinary Cat* by David Dosa is the book club's summer read which we will discuss in September. Books & Bindings does not meet in June, July, or August. The Library By the Alley has new titles, *Silver Boxes, The Gift of Encouragement* by Florence Littauer and *She Said Yes, the Unlikely Martyrdom of Cassie Bernall, Littleton, Colorado* by Misty Bernall (her mother). Be sure to stop by and browse. Call Jeanine at 903-360-4356 for questions or suggestions.

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	June 16, 2010 Keith Hodges "Joy"



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<b>Worship a.m.</b>	592	664	642
<b>Worship p.m.</b>	320	327	389
<b>Wed. p.m.</b>	303	303	320
<b>Contribution</b>	\$24,612.25	\$28,652.02	\$24,025.00
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	\$27,981.00		

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Scripture Chris Ables  
Dismiss Tony Adams

**GREETERS**

Bobby & Rachel Dingler & Matthew Kimball  
David & Wanda Frick & Dylan Laird  
Mark & Melissa Frick & Elizabeth Lewis  
Visitor Center: James & Helen Gullion  
Edie Fowler

**Pick Up Cards for 6/6 & 6/13:** Matthew Klmball, Brayden Kempton, Corey Prestidge, Evan Kingsbury, Stephen Moore

**Minibus Driver for Sunday and Wednesday:** Don Ingram  
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## Moments with Mike

We are all acquainted with the concept of searching. As children we played hide and seek. As we grew older we learned to keep seeking for our car keys, sunglasses or the TV remote. Searching is a part of our lives.

For the summer quarter our small auditorium class will be studying the topic of "Pursuit of Happiness." I want us to be able to define happiness and search it out in our lives. All of the elements of happiness are around us constantly, yet as a culture we always seem to be searching for something that will make us happy. I hope you will come join us on that journey to finding happiness.

The class will actually start on the 13th as Carla and I are taking a couple of days off here at the end of school. Stan Mallory will be teaching that class in my absence this Sunday. But after that we will begin this study.

We are all well acquainted with the line from the Declaration of Independence. It reads as follows. "We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

Have you really given much thought to what real

## In Search Of

happiness is? Some think happiness is found in wealth, and to be sure, money can help you live joyfully. But true happiness isn't found in gold.

Some think it is found in the freedom to do as one wishes and to satisfy whatever desire one has. But living apart from God's righteousness will soon produce sorrow and not happiness.

Friends, I hope you will spend some time in the next couple of weeks thinking about what it means to be happy. Take your list of life goals and ask yourself if you would be happy at each stop along that list. Then ask yourself what it would take to help you achieve happiness right now in your life. I think you will enjoy that exercise.

In the meantime, consider Solomon's words from Ecclesiastes 12:13-14. "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments, For this is man's all. For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing, Whether good or evil."

See you (next) Sunday! Mike

## REMINDER:

Our Sunday evening services will be moving to 6 P.M. starting this Sunday, June 6. Please make a note of this. We will continue with this time until September.

2010 Theme  
*We Believe*

Sermons for June 6, 2010  
A.M.: Don Crawford  
P.M.: Mike Gravois  
Tune in to KTBB AM 600 Sundays from 7:30-8:00 a.m.  
for "Our Living Hope."

"The Church With Heart"

## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### BACKCOUNTRY TREK

BackCountry Trek is only 1 week away! Things to be doing now are working out and breaking your boots in. We will have an important meeting for all adults and students who are going on Wednesday night, June 9, immediately after class in the High School Classroom. We will be discussing final plans and passing out gear. Please make plans to attend.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL MYSTERY

Our Middle School Madness trip has been officially renamed... to Middle School Mystery! The dates are July 13-16. Some of us know the details but the rest will just have to wait and see! It will be a blast so sign up now!

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### TEENS SERVING OTHERS

Join us for an opportunity to serve some folks who need help. Our service days will be Friday, June 4 and Monday, June 7. We will end on Monday evening with an opportunity to help with the Karing Kitchen. Details to come!

### IMPORTANT DATES

<b>June 4 &amp; 7</b>	<b>Teens Serving Others</b>
<b>June 6</b>	<b>Combined Devo</b>
<b>June 6</b>	<b>Youth Group Promotion</b>
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### 1 Thessalonians 5:17

It's a long verse: "pray continually."

There are more commands in the Bible to pray than to do anything else. There are more promises concerning prayer than anything else in the Bible. Yet, few of us take time to pray. Our schedules are jam-packed and our "Prayer Concern Lists" are so long that we conveniently push prayer to the back every day making prayer more of a luxury instead of a necessity. We pray while we are "at church;" we pray when we are on retreats; we pray when we are in trouble, but that does not sound like (1

Thess 5:17) "pray continually."

Prayer was never intended to evolve into a "backup system" when all else fails. GOD'S provisions come from prayer. James wrote, "You don't have because you don't ask GOD." (James 4:2). And then he writes, "When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures."

Are we spending more time prioritizing our schedules when we should be scheduling our priorities?

*Don Crawford*

### Growing in Grace by Mike Gravois

Summer is here! As you plan how you will spend the next few months, don't forget to include God in your plans.

Our theme for the summer months is WE (West Erwin) Believe in Family. We are offering several classes this summer to help us focus on this theme. Please plan to attend the class of your choice. I hope to see you here.

2010 Summer Speaker Series: Main Auditorium  
The Fruit of the Spirit, as they apply to Families

**June 2: Introduction to Galatians**

Tim Grounds, Whitehouse Church of Christ

**June 9: Love**

Dan Boggs, Van Church of Christ

**June 16: Joy**

Keith Hodges, Eastern Hills Church of Christ

**June 23: Peace**

Dudley Brookshire, Patton Lane Church of Christ

**June 30: Patriotic Song Service**

Larry Murphey

**July 7: Patience**

TBD

**July 14: Goodness**

John Scott, Saturn Road Church of Christ

**July 21: Faithfulness**

TBD

**July 28: Prayer/Song Service**

Kalon Ainsworth

**Aug. 4: Gentleness**

Jason Reeves, Graceton Church of Christ

**Aug. 11: Kindness**

Matt Soper, West Houston Church of Christ

**Aug. 18: Self-Control**

Matt Soper, West Houston Church of Christ

**Aug. 25: The Temple of the Holy Spirit**

Mike Baker, West Erwin Church of Christ

\* College/Singles- Apologetic Discoveries: Christian Evidences, Taught by Joe Roach in Room 306

\* Marriage Class- Sacred Marriage, Taught by Mike Gravois in the Family Life Center

## West Erwin Playschool



West Erwin Playschool is looking for loving, part-time teachers for the 2010-2011 school year. If interested, or for more information, contact Kim DuPree at 903.530.4948 or email weplayschool@gmail.com.

### With Sympathy

Services for Hollis Wright, father of Glenda Mills, were held Thursday at Burks-Walker-Tippitt. Services for Frances Moore were held Friday at Burks-Walker-Tippitt. Our love, prayers and sympathy are with these families.

### Thank You

Our family is so appreciative of your prayers, cards, flowers and encouraging words at the loss of our grandmother. We are so thankful for the love and sympathy you have shown us at this time.

*Michael Carnathan, Lindsay Kelly & Family*

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers and wonderful food you provided for our family at this difficult time. The cards, visits and prayers have helped to give us peace in the midst of our loss. In Christian love,

*Jack Stringer & Pam Faubus*

Jan and I would like to express our appreciation for all the acts of kindness shown to us during my recent surgeries. It meant a lot to Jan to have so much support during my last surgery. Thanks so much for all the wonderful food, calls, visits, cards and especially the many prayers. It is truly a blessing to have such a wonderful and caring church family. In Christian love,

*Milburn Cook*

### Welcome, New Members!

**Charles & Patricia Lewis**

13771 Big Oak Bay Rd., Tyler, TX 75707

903-566-4620

**Rob & Carmen Hilliard**

702 Partridge Ln., Whitehouse, TX 75791

903-839-1392

**Fern Davis**

Prestidge Estates, 6928 Paluxy Dr. # 316,

Tyler, TX 75703 | 903-561-1439

## Young At Heart



Young at Heart is hosting **Game Night** on Thursday, June 10 at 6:00 p.m. at the West Erwin Family Life Center. Come enjoy games & a pot luck supper.

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**Beginning June 6, Sunday evening services will begin at 6:00 p.m.**

### Upcoming Events of Interest

#### Gospel Meeting

The Church of Christ in Emory is hosting a Gospel Meeting June 20-23. The speaker will be Jason Rollo from the Lovelady, Texas congregation and the theme is "You Can Know the Truth." For more information, call 903-473-2658. See the flyer on the news & notes bulletin board.

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<b>Wed. p.m.</b>	303	308	327
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Will Weathers Bill White

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Scripture Ben Starr  
Dismiss Dale White

**GREETERS**

Clinton & Louise Culpepper & Brady Johnson  
Frank & Gail Debenport & Cody Kelsey  
Howard & Linda Dickson & Brittney Kempton  
**Visitor Center:** Don & Norma Durham  
Bob & Pat Hackett

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## Moments with Mike

### A Good Name

Sunday night's sermon will be on the value of a good name and why who we are is more important than what we have. I hope that you will be here for that lesson.

The text for that sermon will come from Proverbs 22:1. "A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches. Loving favor rather than silver and gold."

The Book of Proverbs is such a wonderful resource for great wisdom. I've enjoyed teaching that book recently in two different classes and I don't think we could ever really exhaust the ways to apply those words of wisdom.

Unfortunately our culture doesn't always respect the same values that are laid before us in the Bible. The world says "step on others, push them aside and get ahead any way you can." But God calls us to live to a higher standard.

Many years ago I received a small wooden plaque with a bronze plate on it. Our family name "Baker" was inscribed at the top. Below that was the following verse.

*You got it from your father, it was all he had to give,  
So it's yours to use and cherish, for as long as you may live.  
If you lose the watch he gave you, it can always be replaced.*

*But a black mark on your name, son, can never be erased.*

*It was clean the day you took it, and a worthy name to bear.*

*When he got it from his father, there was no dishonor there.*

*So make sure you guard it wisely, after all is said and done.*

*You'll be glad the name is spotless, when you give it to your son.*

I don't know who wrote those words, but I'm thankful that they were written and shared with others. We should always be mindful of the name that we wear. After all, as the poem said, it was clean when we received it and it should be clean as we pass it on.

Perhaps you will take a moment to go back and reread that poem with the name Christian in mind. Do you feel the honor in wearing it? Do you also feel the responsibility to wear it in such a way to uphold its reputation?

You didn't get to choose the name given to you when you were born. But you did choose to wear the name of Christ. Honor the name you wear.

See you Sunday! Mike

2010 Theme  
*We Believe*

Sermons for May 30, 2010 by Mike Baker  
A.M.: Basic Training (Eph. 6:10-12)  
P.M.: Good Name Or Great Wealth (Prov. 22:1)  
Tune in to KTBB AM 600 Sundays from 7:30-8:00 a.m.  
for "Our Living Hope."

"The Church With Heart"

## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### BACKCOUNTRY TREK

BackCountry Trek is only 2 weeks away! Things to be doing now are working out and breaking your boots in. We will have an important meeting for all adults and students who are going on Wednesday night, June 9, immediately after class in the High School Classroom. We will be discussing final plans and passing out gear. Please make plans to attend.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL MYSTERY

Our Middle School Madness trip has been officially renamed... to Middle School Mystery! The dates are July 13-16. Some of us know the details but the rest will just have to wait and see! It will be a blast so sign up now!

### NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

We are finalizing plans for the Nebraska Mission Trip. The Dates are July 1-10. We will have a meeting this Sunday afternoon at 4:00 to go over the classes and VBS schedule and begin working on classes. Please meet in the High School Classroom.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVO

All of those in the Middle School group are invited to the devo this coming Sunday night after church in the FLC. Please bring \$3 for supper and a friend! Wear tennis shoes. We will be finished at 8:30.

### TEENS SERVING OTHERS

Join us for an opportunity to serve some folks who need help. Our service days will be Friday, June 4 and Monday, June 7. We will end on Monday evening with an opportunity to help with the Karing Kitchen. Details to come!

### YOUTH GROUP 101

All 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and their parents are invited to attend a special class called Youth Group 101 on Wednesday June 2 from 7:00-8:00 in Room 403. If you did not receive info in the mail, let me know.

### IMPORTANT DATES

<b>May 30</b>	<b>Nebraska Mission Meeting</b>
<b>May 30</b>	<b>Middle School Devo</b>
<b>June 2</b>	<b>Youth Group 101</b>
<b>June 4 &amp; 7</b>	<b>Teens Serving Others</b>
<b>June 6</b>	<b>Youth Group Promotion</b>
<b>June 6</b>	<b>BackCountry Trek Meeting</b>
<b>June 7 &amp; 28</b>	<b>West Erwin hosts Karing Kitchen</b>
<b>June 13-19</b>	<b>BackCountry Trek</b>
<b>July 1-10</b>	<b>Nebraska Mission Trip</b>
<b>July 13-17</b>	<b>Middle School Mystery</b>
<b>July 24-30</b>	<b>New Orleans Mission Trip</b>

### Milk, Meat & Honey

In the past few weeks I have tried to share some of my thoughts about Bible Study and Preaching the Word. Every passage contains milk, meat and honey. If we can reach each of the three areas we have fed the whole crowd; we have offered the milk of GOD'S Word to the younger Christians; we have offered meat to challenge and nourish the mature; we have offered the honey which leaves a good taste in our mouths and calls us to return for more.

I have decided that for the summer quarter my class will be taking a look at specific Scriptures looking for the milk, meat and honey. You are in-

vited to join us at 9:00am each week beginning June 6 in room 403 in the Office Complex. Let's dedicate our summer to searching the Scriptures

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A little boy was waiting for his mother to come out of the grocery store. As he waited a man approached him and asked, "Son, do you know where the Post Office is?" The little boy said, "Sure. Just go down this street a coupla blocks." The man thanked him and said, "I'm the new preacher in town and I want you to come to church Sunday. I'll show you how to get to heaven." The little boy said, "Come on. You can't even find the Post Office!"

*Don Crawford*

### Growing in Grace by Mike Gravois

*"Why am I here?"*

### Seeing The World As God Does

*"What is the purpose of life?"*

This is the question the author of Ecclesiastes wrestles with in his book. We see a man of considerable wealth looking back on his life and how he has spent his lifetime. In the end he arrives at the following conclusion:

*"Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: 'Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man."*

*For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil." Ecclesiastes 12:13-14*

The author realizes two things: 1) Man was created by God to love and serve Him. and 2) There is more to this life after we die and that we will be held accountable for our choices made during our lifetime. Listen to the words of John:

*"We know that we have come to know Him if we obey His commands. The man who says, 'I know Him,' but does not do what He commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But if anyone obeys His word, God's love is truly made complete in him." 1 John 2:3-5*

Jesus put it this way in *John 15:9-11*

*"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in His love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete."*

There's a God-shaped hole in our hearts. Our life is a quest to fill that void. When we don't have a relationship with God, there is an emptiness within us. The world tells us there is a variety of ways to fill that hole: material possessions, selfish gratification, etc. BUT, as the author of Ecclesiastes found out, these don't satisfy our heart's desire. In a world filled with questions, remember, **GOD IS THE ANSWER!**

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Summer VBS - Egypt: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace - Saturday, August 7 from 9:00am - 3:00pm.

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### New Address

Nathan & Melanie Benson  
10772 Lost Creek  
Whitehouse, TX 75791

### Send a Card!

Mary Hunt, a former West Erwin member, would really appreciate cards of encouragement. The mailing address where she is hospitalized is Roberts Bldg. 1210, Baylor Hospital, 3500 Gaston, Dallas, TX 75246.

### Attention Ladies!

Shiloh Road Church of Christ and the Tyler Police Department will host a women's personal safety seminar the evening of June 4 at 7:00. This seminar will be publicly announced in the East Texas area and all women are encouraged to attend. Please tell your friends! The presenter is Jimmy Meeks with the Hurst Police Department. Call the reservation line at 903-561-8004 (option 2) to RSVP. There is a schedule posted on the news & notes bulletin board by the Small Auditorium.

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Reminder: Beginning June 6, Sunday evening services will begin at 6:00 p.m. Also, the church office will be closed Monday, May 31.

## Upcoming Events of Interest

### Gospel Meeting

The Church of Christ in Emory is hosting a Gospel Meeting June 20-23. The speaker will be Jason Rollo from the Lovelady, Texas congregation and the theme is "You Can Know the Truth." For more information, call 903-473-2658. See the flyer on the news & notes bulletin board.



### Singing School

You are invited to the 43rd Annual Foundation School of Church Music June 27-July 2 at Twin Oaks Ranch in Buda, Texas. See the brochure on the news & notes bulletin board for more information.

### Singer's Workshop

The Singing School at Abilene Christian University will be held July 11-16 and topics will include music theory and sight reading, methods of voice strengthening, appreciation for our heritage of music and many others. See the brochure on the news & notes bulletin board.

### Singing School & Praise Camp

You are invited to the 45th Annual Singing School and Praise Camp conducted by the Haskell Church of Christ July 11-16. See the brochure on the news & notes bulletin board.



### Wednesday Night Summer Series

June 2, 2010  
Tim Grounds



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<b>Records</b>	<b>Sunday- May 16</b>	<b>Sunday- May 9</b>	<b>Year Ago</b>
<b>Bible Class</b>	421	407	326
<b>Worship a.m.</b>	690	736	618
<b>Worship p.m.</b>	NC	381	326
<b>Wed. p.m.</b>	308	301	314
<b>Contribution</b>	\$27,082.75	\$21,319.06	\$29,728.29
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	\$27,981.00		

**Hospitalized: ETMC: Edward Reagan** from Frankston, MICU | **Health South: Enrique Aguirre**, father of Martha Sandoval & Ana Zavala. **Updates: Shirley Denman** is now home. | **Harold Denman** is having a biopsy this week. | **Patsy Fisher** began her chemo and radiation treatment Monday. | **Peggy Garner** is now home. | **Mary Keith Hunt** (who was hospitalized here for many weeks), now in Baylor Hospital and will be for several weeks. | **Dub Mathews** is now home. | **Carolyn McCune** will have a total knee replacement at Spine & Joint on June 3. | **Forest McFadden** is now home. | **Grace McLain**, granddaughter of Frank & Dotti Setzler, is doing well after surgery. | **Carol Morgan** will have thyroid cancer surgery June 15. | **L. T. Murry**, father of Jon Murry & Laurie Kimball, is at Olympic Plaza. | **Bettye Price** will have a shunt replacement June 7 at ETMC. **West Erwin Family** Milburn Cook | Wini Cullinan | Patsy Fisher | Addie Marie Harraid | Mary McFadden | Bettye Price | Molly Lou Terry *Ongoing concerns:* Johnny Anders | Darrell & Nell Beard | Delle Bullard | Kalli Huff | Dub & Opal Mathews | Bill & Ruby McCain | Penny & Wade McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | Maxine Ray | George Richardson | Liz Rogers | Ira & Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods **Family & Friends Ray Bone** (cancer), uncle of Ranae Bone | **Brett Finley** (cancer), son-in-law of the Womacks | **Pat Gray**, sister of Fran Starnes | **Derinda Vaughn**, teenage relative of the Cawyers

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June-Aug 6:00 P.M.	
<b>TUESDAY AND THURSDAY</b>	<b>WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST</b>
Christian Service Center ..... 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.	420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133 (903) 592-0809

**SERVING SUNDAY  
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY**

Call to worship Danny Snell  
Prayer Dennis Stansbury  
Scripture Roy Morgan  
Dismiss Ron Lott  
Presiding At The Lord's Table Kevin Sustaire

**SERVING COMMUNION**

Danny Snell Greg Walker  
Randy Turner Maselyn Walker  
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**5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY**

Prayer Con Sweet  
Scripture Glynn Starnes  
Dismiss J.R. Tharpe

**GREETERS**

Barry & Carolyn Ciaschini & Krista Huff  
Don & Mary Jo Crowder & Trey Jackson  
Jeri Church & Wanda Cook & Tailor Jackson  
**Visitor Center:** Corey & Angie Coleman  
Ken & Cathy Culpepper

**Pick Up Cards for 5/23 & 5/30:** Grant Perkins, Matthew Christian, Keaton Conder, Colton Haile, Caleb DuPree

**Minibus Driver for Sunday and Wednesday:** Don Ingram  
ph. 903-253-4600. **Please call if you need transportation.**

**Children's Ministry for 5/23:** Nursery a.m.: Kathie Thompson  
Toddlers a.m.: Stacy Turner | Toddlers p.m.: Marisa Suggs  
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### Thank You

A big 'Thank You' goes to the deacons and their wives for their hard work and effort they put into the all church fellowship we had last week. We are grateful for their service to our church.

*The Elders*



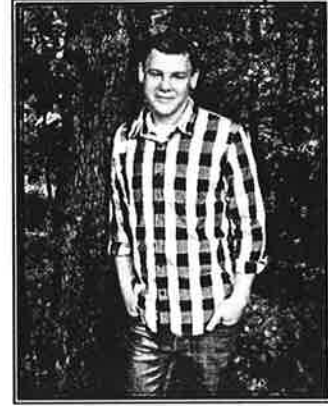
**Frank & Gail Debenport's** new email address: gdebenport@yahoo.com

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**Caitlin Cook** is the daughter of Tom & Donni Cook and a graduate of Chapel Hill. She is a member of the Chapel Hill HS Band & played the oboe & saxophone and was an officer, majorette & Drum Major. Caitlin earned SFA's Outstanding Drum Major Award in 2009. She was named All Region Band & State Qualifier for Solo & Ensemble. She was a member of the Texas Technology Student Association (Drafting) and earned five 1st place awards at the State Competition and two Best In Class for drawings & house model. She is a member of the National Honor Society & graduating ninth in her class. Caitlin has participated in LTC for 10 years, mission trips to Nebraska, back packing and has volunteered with Habitat for Humanity. She says, "God has completely prepared me for the things he wants me to face next year. He has led me through situations and taught me to learn from them. He has shown me the best college for me and has given me the best roommate!" Caitlin plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in Meteorology. She will be spending her free time in Aggies for Christ and with her roommate, Maggie Ragsdale.



**Holt Henderson** is the son of Allen & Angela Henderson and a graduate of Chapel Hill. Holt was named Best Defensive Lineman & Defensive MP at Chapel Hill's Football program. He was named 1st Team All District Football and 2nd Team All East Texas Football. Holt has participated in the mission trip to Nebraska with the West Erwin youth group, has volunteered for Street Teens program for the Homeless in Las Vegas and was a VBS volunteer in Chicago. Holt says, "God has always been there for me. I have attended 3 high schools in 3 states. My faith in God and His grace has helped me to adapt to each school and helped prepare me for the future." Holt plans to attend Harding University on a football scholarship.

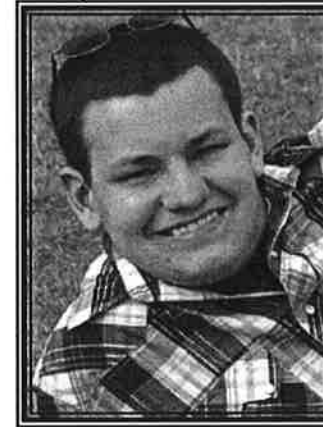


**Mollie Mink** is the daughter of Lee & Camille Mink and a graduate of Chapel Hill High School. She played volleyball four years, was Captain her senior year and awarded Honorable Mention. She was on the varsity softball team four years and received the Sara Murff Scholarship. She has helped the athletic trainer at Chapel Hill and that inspired her to pursue a career in Sports Medicine. Mollie has gone back packing with the youth group and attended Camp Blue Haven for eight years. She has participated in Leadership Training for Christ for seven years and led a puppet group for two years. Mollie says, "God has shaped me to stand up for myself & Him and to believe I want to be in Heaven one day and have led others there also." Mollie plans on attending Tyler Junior College in the Fall to begin a career as a Registered Nurse in Sports Medicine.

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**Maggie Ragsdale** is the daughter of Doug & LaDawn Ragsdale and a graduate of Lindale High School. She was a member of the varsity volleyball team, two years, and was named 1st Team All-District her Jr. & Sr. Year and 1st Team All-Academic. She was a member of Student Council for four years and an officer for three years. She was named Miss LHS and voted Best All Around by her classmates. Maggie participated in the Nebraska Mission Trip, BackCountry Trek and the Mexico & New Orleans Mission Trips with the West Erwin Youth Group. Maggie says, "God has surrounded me with the best people in the world. I have the blessing to see Him through my mother every day." She plans to attend Blinn College in the Fall then transfer to Texas A&M the next year to enter their new nursing program.



**George Richardson** is the son of Dan & Marsha Richardson and a graduate of Gainesville High School. He has attended Leadership Training for Christ, volunteered in the Karing Kitchen ministry and has also helped with Vacation Bible School. He plans to attend Tyler Junior College to pursue a Wildlife Management Degree.



**Andres Saucedo** is the son of Alma Flores & Andres Saucedo and a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School. He is a member of the International Baccalaureate Program, a French Club officer and a member of the Bible Club. Andres lists his church accomplishments as being baptized for the remission of his sins, participation in the Nebraska & New Orleans Mission Trips, and participation in Leadership Training for Christ. Andres says, "God continues to mold my life. He has transformed me into a servant and transforms my being into the likeness of Christ." Andres plans to double major in Ministry and Biochemistry at Abilene Christian University.



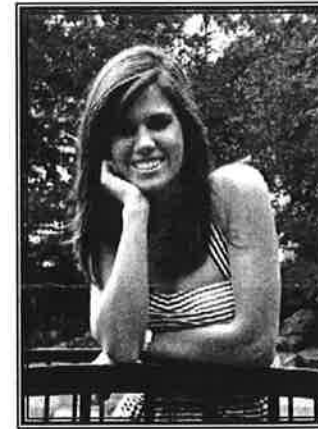
**Amye Scarborough** is the daughter of Barry & Mary Scarborough and a graduate of Brownsboro High School. She is graduating 9th in her class, was the senior class president & National Honor Society vice-president. She was named Volleyball Academic All-State Team and was 1st Team All-District and All-Henderson County in volleyball and her team was named District Champion and advanced to Area playoffs. She placed 3rd in District in golf and was a regional qualifier and placed 2nd in District in Tennis and advanced to Regionals. Amye participated in LTC for 10 years, backpacking, mission trips to Mexico and New Orleans and assisted in the nursery and Tots for Christ. Amye says, "God has sped my life by showing me how short our time is on this earth and how we must take advantage of every second we get. Also, during all times, good or bad, we must be dependent on him." Amye plans to attend Tyler Junior College next year to complete her basic courses and hopes to figure out what career she would like to pursue!



**Caylee Stamps** is the daughter of Shaun & Joanna Stamps and a graduate of Whitehouse High School. As a drill team member, she was the motivational squad leader, Jr. Sweetheart, First Lady of the Year, and earned Director's Award & Best Personality. She was a founding member of Kickers for Christ. She was a member of the Thespian Society and was a UIL One Act Play cast member & UIL Prose Team. She was a homecoming queen and most beautiful nominee and was voted 'prettiest eyes' & 'best smile' by her classmates. Caylee has attended Camp Blue Haven for eight years and participated in LTC and Wilderness Trek. She says, "Throughout my Whitehouse ISD schooling experience, I've had many different highs and lows and I am so thankful for every single one of them. God has (and still is!) teaching me patience through them. He's made me confident in being me no matter the situation or who I am with and I cannot wait to go to college and continue being molded into the person He wants me to be." Caylee plans to attend Tyler Junior College.



**Maselyn Walker** is the son of Greg & Kris Walker and a graduate of Brookhill School. He was on the varsity golf team four years and was member of the state finalists team each year. He was a member of National Honor Society two years and awarded National Social Studies Award 2010 by the United States Achievement Academy. Maselyn has participated in Leadership Training for Christ eight years, the Nebraska mission trip and has been a member of the West Erwin Youth Group since 1999. Maselyn says, "God challenges me every day to be a better man." Maselyn will be attending Texas A&M University in the Fall.



**Caroline Weathers** is the daughter of Wade & Diane and a graduate of Whitehouse High School. She is currently 2nd of 300 students in the class of 2011 and is graduating early and finishing her high school credits in August so that she may attend Texas A&M University in the Fall. She played basketball & tennis for three years and was a cheerleader for two. She was a member of numerous organizations and an executive officer in the student council as well as team captain of the UIL Social Studies team that placed third in state with Caroline placing 3rd in state individually. She has volunteered to work with the pre-schoolers in children's worship, helped serve at Wednesday Night Meals and has also volunteered at Karing Kitchen. Caroline says, "God has shown me the importance of making the right decisions and has helped me excel so that I may achieve my dreams." She plans to attend Texas A&M University and participate in the Business Honors Program and major in Business Finance and minor in Spanish and Government within a three-year graduation plan.



**Grace Weathers** is the daughter of Walker & Rhonda Weathers and a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School. She was Vice President of her senior class and a member of National Honor Society. She was Vice President of the Junior Symphony League and was recipient of the Gertrude Windsor Award. Grace was very active in Young Life Club and Campaigners. She volunteered at the Wednesday Night Dinner Fellowships at West Erwin and at Karing Kitchen. She participated in the mission trip to Mexico. Grace says, "I have been fortunate to have a Godly family and church to build a strong foundation for my future and life." She will be a Freshman at The University of Texas in Austin this Fall.



**Wendy Weathers** is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Wynne Weathers and Ginger Reuland, and is a graduate of Whitehouse High School. She was a Junior Varsity Cheerleader and named All-American Cheerleader. She was on the A-B Honor Roll and a member of the Foreign Language Club. Wendy has volunteered with Habitat for Humanity, Karing Kitchen and Wednesday Night Meals. She says, "God has shaped me to be the person I am today. Having God and family in my life has give me a clear idea between right and wrong." Wendy plans to attend Texas Christian University.



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Marcus Turner Mark Waggoner  
Ray Vannoy Mike Watts

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Gene & Gwen Chandler & Taylor Holly  
Chad & Amber Chauncey & Kalli Huff  
Visitor Center: Milburn & Jan Cook  
Melvin & Nina Crow

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**Moments With Mike**

**In My Thoughts...**

West Erwin is a very active church. We have things going on at our facilities almost every day and we have a considerable number of people involved. I'm constantly amazed at the things being done and by so many people.

But there is always room for others to join. In fact, we need others to help out in all kinds of ways. If you are not yet involved with some ministry or program, please contact the office or one of the ministers and let us help you find your place.

This Sunday we will have a combined adult Bible class and G. W. Cliver will be the teacher. G. W. and Valentina will be here this week from Delaware and I'm looking forward to them being with us again. We miss them. They are involved in a mission effort and I know that G. W. is doing a great job of presenting the gospel to that area. Be sure to be here for his class Sunday morning.

After that service we will have our quarterly all church fellowship. This will be a catered meal at the family life center. Don't forget to bring your cookies if you signed up to bring them.

At the conclusion of our meal together there will be a short devotional and I'll be speaking on the topic of "Are You Being Fed?" Naturally we can look at this from a

physical or spiritual point of view...or maybe both. We will not be having a p.m. service on Sunday, but small groups will still be meeting.

I watched some more video this week of the area in Nashville where we used to live in the late 1990s. The flooding there was extensive and it was surreal to see all of the furniture and possessions piled up high in front of those houses. Over \$1.5 billion in losses were incurred along with over 20 lives in that area. Please keep everyone in the flooded areas in your prayers.

Sunday night I shared a phrase that I had recently seen on a friend's Facebook status. "When the devil tries to remind you of your past, you remind him of his future!" I really like that phrase and would request that you spend some time this week thinking about how that can motivate each of us to live more boldly as Christians and to have less fear of the devil.

The devil is full of deceit. That's one reason why Paul said, "Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil" (Eph. 6:11). Read that passage in Eph. 6:10-20 and reflect on how God helps us prepare for life's battles.

See you Sunday! Mike

2010 Theme  
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Sermons for May 16, 2010 by Mike Baker  
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Afternoon devotional: Are You Being Fed? (John 21:15-17)  
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"The Church With Heart"

## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### BACCALAUREATE SERVICE & SENIOR DEVO

Sunday, May 23 is the annual Baccalaureate Service honoring the 2010 Graduating Seniors from the Tyler churches of Christ. It will be at Shiloh Rd. Church of Christ at 4:00. Graduates need to be there by 3:30 with your cap and gown. Following the Baccalaureate Service there will be a reception at Shiloh Rd. Immediately after the Bacc. events, the West Erwin graduates and their families will be gathering at the West Erwin FLC for the annual Senior Devo. This devo will be a time that all of the West Erwin teens will have the opportunity to honor... or roast... our graduates. Please make plans to be present for that evening. We will be finished at 8:30. Bring \$3 for supper.

### BACKCOUNTRY TREK

BackCountry Trek is only 4 weeks away! Things to be doing now are working out and breaking your boots in. We will have an important meeting for all adults and students who are going

this coming Wednesday night, May 19, immediately after class in the High School Classroom. We are going to talk about a few new details. Please make plans to attend.

### SUMMER DATES

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July 13-17	Middle School Madness
July 24-30	New Orleans Mission Trip

### Milk, Meat & Honey

Honey: 2 Chron. 7:11-16

Solomon had asked GOD to be attentive to the prayers that are offered from the temple. GOD agreed and said, "I have chosen and consecrated this temple so that my Name may be there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there."

As New Testament Christians we are called to be holy. Not because of anything we have done but because of His own purpose and grace (2 Tim. 1:9). You and I are alive in Christ. We have been chosen and consecrated to be the temple for His dwelling. His Spirit is at work in us. His eyes and heart are always within His temple.

Here's the honey...(:14): If Christians today (those who are GOD-defined people) will respond to Him by humbling themselves, praying, seeking to know Him, and turn from their wicked ways, then GOD will hear from heaven and will forgive our sins and will heal our land. It's a trust issue!

He was not calling on every person to respond, but everyone who calls themselves Christians. If Christians would humbly and prayerfully seek GOD and turn from their wicked ways, then GOD would hear, forgive, and heal our land. GOD will restore to America the years we have lost if we who profess His name will respond to him. It's GOD'S call to His people.

Don Crawford

## Growing in Grace by Mike Gravois Seeing The World As God Does

**Worldview** 1. The overall perspective from which one sees and interprets the world.

2. A collection of beliefs about life and the universe held by an individual or a group.

Our *worldview* determines how we see the world in which we live. Let's take a look at a half glass of water. To the optimist, the glass is half-full. To the pessimist, the glass is half-empty. To a man dying of thirst, it is life. To a homemaker, it's another dirty glass someone didn't pick up or wash. To the realist, it is a half glass of water. In each of these instances, the glass of water did not change. What changed was the perspective of the person looking at the glass of water.

Our *worldview* perspective is applied every day towards everything we experience. Now, let's use the world as our example. To the optimist, we see good in others and look for people reaching out to help others. To the pessimist, this world is filled with sin and corrupt people and getting worse by the day. To the man trying to find God, or meaning in this

life, he is continually looking for burning bushes. Some find them. Others don't. To a caring parent, the world is a harsh or wonderful place to raise a child. And on and on and on...

So tell me about the world you live in. Is it a field white unto harvest? Is it a sinful society where we choose to protect ourselves and our family and stay away from strangers? The way you see the world, determines how you will react towards it. The important question is "How does God see the world?"

"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

God loves His children and does not want any to perish no matter how we live our lives. He is always waiting for the prodigal and will always be there for His faithful children. In the coming weeks we will look at some Un-Christian Worldviews and how we can address them as God's children.

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## Boy Scout Reunion

Boy Scout Troop 354 will have a reunion of the troop on June 12, 2010. This will be a bar-be-que dinner at the West Erwin Church of Christ Family Life Center. It begins at 5:30 p.m. All past and present members of the troop as well as adult leaders are invited. You may bring guests. Cost of the meal is \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children under 12. Please sign up by June 1, 2010 by emailing Keith Harris: kdh123@suddenlink.net.

## Thank You

Thank you so much for all your prayers, hospital visits, cards, phone calls, food and every expression of love and concern during John's long illness. We love and appreciate all of you.

John & Virginia Pike

Glynn and I would like to thank each one of you for your prayers, kind words and encouragement during the illness of my sister, Pat Gray. Please pray God will give her and her family strength and courage as she continues in her battle with cancer. We love you all!

Fran Starnes

## Pen Pal Ministry

If you would like to help in the prison ministry and become a pen pal with a prisoner, please contact J.R. Tharpe at 903-849-2626.



**Bryce Davis** was baptized May 5 after Wednesday evening services. He is in 10th grade and goes to school in Lindale. His contact information is: 13233 Choice Circle, Lindale, TX 75771, 903-705-5034 | mbryce62694@sbcglobal.net. Welcome to the West Erwin family, Bryce!

**Cameron Johnson**, son of Kim Johnson and grandson of Gaylan & Margie Seagler was baptized Sunday, May 9, by his grandfather, Gaylan. Cameron is in the 3rd grade and attends school at Grace Community. Cameron's contact info is 12236 South Hillcreek, Whitehouse, TX 75791.

**Please check the Lost & Found cabinet in the Main Foyer for any items that may be yours.**

## Way to Go!

Congratulations to **Jessica DuPree** and **Spencer Shaw** for being selected from the Junior High School in Whitehouse to receive the honor of becoming a member of the Tyler Rotary Young Citizens Club.

The membership in this club is composed of a young man and a young lady from each junior and senior high school in Smith County. To be named an Outstanding Young Citizen, a student should be exceptional in the practices of citizenship, cleanliness, thriftiness, loyalty, courtesy, honesty, service, dependability, sportsmanship, scholarship, and leadership. They were honored at the Rotary Club's annual awards banquet.

## All Church Luncheon

**May 16**

**Combined adult Bible Classes with G.W. Cliver. Join us after morning services for a catered luncheon in the FLC.**

Devo to follow lunch. No evening services. Small Groups still meet.

## Prayers for Mission Work

**Todd Kempton & Paul Montandon** are planning to travel to Benin, West Africa May 28-June 8. Pray for their safe travels, good health and successful trip. They will be visiting the School of Preaching that West Erwin supports there, as well as stopping in Togo and Ghana.

## New Ministry

If you need grab bars for showers/bathrooms or wheelchair ramps installed in or around your home, one of our members will be available to provide this service to you. Contact the church office for more information at 903-592-0809 or office@westerwin.org.

Wednesday Night Meal for May 19:  
BBQ



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<b>Bible Class</b>	412	406	365
<b>Worship a.m.</b>	708	615	634
<b>Worship p.m.</b>	484	345	360
<b>Wed. p.m.</b>	300	285	305
<b>Contribution</b>	\$33,467.47	\$24,216.79	\$24,418.258
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	\$27,981.00		

**Hospitalized:ETMC:** Dub Mathews, rm. 2209A. No visitors, please. **Mother Frances Hospital:** Enrique Aguirre, father of Martha Sandoval and Ana Zavala, in ICU following three strokes after eye surgery. **Ed Moore**, Ruth Hearne Moore's husband, stroke, room 573. **Updates:** **Patsy Fisher** is now home. | **Pat Gray**, sister of Fran Starnes, got news that her cancer has returned. | **Brady Johnson**, had surgery Thurs. 4/29, for a benign tumor on his leg. | **Carolyn McCune** will have a total knee replacement at Spine & Joint on June 3. | **Grace McLain**, 2-year-old granddaughter of Frank & Dotti Setzler, just had heart surgery & will have facial & sinus surgery soon. | **Carol Morgan** was diagnosed with thyroid cancer and will have surgery June 15. | **L. T. Murry**, father of Jon Murry & Laurie Kimball, is now at Olympic Plaza. | **Wes Price** is still hospitalized in Dallas. | **West Erwin Family** Deloris Bundy | Milburn Cook | Wini Cullinan | Riece Gibson | Addie Marie Harraid | Norene Ingram | Mary McFadden | Bettye Price | Molly Lou Terry *Ongoing concerns:* Johnny Anders | Darrell & Nell Beard | Delle Bullard | Kalli Huff | Dub & Opal Mathews | Penny & Wade McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | Maxine Ray | George Richardson | Liz Rogers | Ira & Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods **Family & Friends Ray Bone** (cancer), uncle of Ranae Bone | **Brett Finley** (cancer), son-in-law of the Womacks | | **Derinda Vaughn**, teenage relative of the Cawyers

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Don Crawford - Involvement Minister	Israel Sandoval - Hispanic Minister		
Nancy Crawford - Children's Education Coordinator	Danny Snell - Youth Minister		
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Rafael Falcon	E.E.M.	World Radio	Armondo Alaniz B.I.C.A.
ELDERS			
Jay Bynum	Phil Marts	James Sublette	Ray Vannoy
Ron Lott	Bill Mullins	Leon Welborn	Fred Wingate

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**SERVING COMMUNION**

Garrett Smith James Sublette  
Shaun Stamps Kevin Sustaire  
Dennis Stansbury Billy Terrell  
Ben Starr Terry Tindel

**5:00 PM ASSEMBLY**

Prayer John Shaw  
Scripture Tom Ramsour  
Dismiss Spencer Shaw

**GREETERS**

Dale & Carolyn Blackstone & Megan Harris  
Jim & Helen Boyd & Ryan Haws  
Davy & Sonja Carter & Emilee Hearon  
Visitor Center: Jay & Debbie Bynum  
Jimmy & Sue Carty

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Children's Worship: Jodie Albritton

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**Moments With Mike**

**And The Rains Came Down**

Last weekend a series of slow moving storms passed over several areas of the southeast. In Nashville, TN, and surrounding areas, over 13 inches of rain came down in just two days. That was double their two day record and represented nearly one-fourth their annual rainfall. Needless to say there was some flooding.

Having lived in the middle Tennessee area two different times, I was naturally drawn to the coverage of the flood damage. Watching the photo slide shows over the internet gave a pretty realistic view of the damage. But the videos of the flooding, the rescues of stranded people, etc., those gave the most revealing looks.

One of the hardest hit areas was in Bellevue, just to the south west of Nashville. We lived there in the 1990s and as the helicopter panned the flooded areas I was able to recognize many businesses, roads and subdivisions, all under water.

One dramatic rescue unfolded as a bedridden woman was trapped for 3 hours in her upstairs bedroom. She was up to her neck in water before some neighbors were able to rescue her. Others were airlifted from roofs and some from the interstates as the rapidly rising water stranded many.

One of my preacher friends in the area emailed an

update on the disaster and reported that when the newscasts were listing places for shelter and relief the churches of Christ in the communities were often mentioned first. That's great to hear. Christians in that area have long been known for their prompt assistance to others in need and the communities have come to know them for such.

In Matthew 7:24-27, Jesus describes what will happen to houses built on the rock (wise man) or the sand (foolish man). You might remember the story better by the VBS song that is often sung. "The rains came down and the floods came up," etc.

"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock" Matt. 7:24-25.

Friends, when the storms of life descend upon you, will you be ready for them? Are you on higher ground and founded on the rock of your Savior? Sunday night's lesson will deal with some of these issues. I hope to see you there.

See you Sunday! Mike

2010 Theme  
*We Believe*

Sermons for May 9, 2010 by Mike Baker  
A.M.: How To Become A Model Mother (Prov. 31:26-28)  
P.M.: Facing Storms (Matt. 8:23-27)  
Tune in to KTBB AM 600 Sundays from 7:30-8:00 a.m.  
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"The Church With Heart"

## Youth With Heart...By Danny

### MOTHERS...

This Sunday is Mother's Day. Teens... don't forget!!! As I reflected on what I might say about mothers, I looked for some famous quotes or funny stories that I might share with you. But as I read those, it just seemed cheesy. So... I'll just share my own thoughts. Mom always loved me no matter what, even when she was mad at me. She always said be careful. She had a certain smell about her. I always think of her when I smell a Gardenia. Man, could she cook! She had a green thumb. Jordan would not eat toast...except when grandmother gave it to her. She was special. I miss her. I remember the last time I saw her. Today it is only memories. Take the time today to tell her... anything. Don't wait for tomorrow, it might be too late. Teens: Sit with your mom at church this Sunday and tell her you love her.

### TO SAVE A LIFE

This past Sunday night our teens had the opportunity to bring their friends to see the movie "To Save A Life." We had a great turnout and it was a great evening. Teens... Thanks for inviting your friends! Thanks to all the families who helped with the dinner, set-up & clean-up: J & Tresa Jones, Mike & Nora Gravois, Stuart & Marisa Suggs, Donella Jackson, Mark Frick, Lee & Camille Mink, Jimmie & Carolyn Philpot and Diane Weathers.

The question still remains... "What difference is it going to make unless you let it change you...?" Are you going to let God get hold of you?

### MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Thanks to all the men who helped with the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast! Another great year!

### SUMMER DATES

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## Milk, Meat & Honey

### Meat: 2 Chron. 7:11-16

The meat of GOD'S Word is where we find wisdom to cope with life's daily demands. The question we ask: What am I suppose to gain here?

We found earlier that Solomon made a request to GOD (2 Chron 6:20,40) asking GOD to be attentive to their prayers. GOD answered Solomon's specific request specifically in (7:14).

Can you and I expect GOD to give us similar attention?

The story even backs up to (1:7) when GOD appeared to Solomon and said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you." Solomon asked for

wisdom and knowledge to lead the nation of Israel. GOD granted him his desire, plus gave him wealth, riches and honor beyond measure.

In the wisdom GOD had given him, Solomon had asked for what he knew GOD wanted him to ask for...and there-in lies our message. When you and I are seeking the same things GOD is seeking then HE is always attentive to our requests. Asking GOD to make our lives easier and more comfortable is not exactly asking Him for the things HE wants us to ask for.

Praying for patience to lead our children, or peace within turmoil are things GOD wants. Try it.

*Don Crawford*

There's nothing pleasant about thorns tearing our flesh. So, let's think about this process. God prunes us so we can become more productive in the work of His Kingdom.

It may not be pleasant, but it is necessary. We must yield ourselves to the eternal gardener whose job it is to remove the dead, unproductive parts of our lives. When we are freed from those unfruitful, unproductive parts, we are enabled to accomplish amazing things.

What parts of your life do you need to be freed from? What do you need God to cut off? In God's hands we can become something new and amazing, but we must first "let go and let God."

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## Growing in Grace by Mike Gravois

### The Vine and the Branches

*<sup>1</sup>I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.*

*<sup>2</sup>He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit,*

*while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.*

*John 15:1-2*

Gardening . . . hmmm. Now, don't get me wrong, I love to work in my yard. There's nothing that looks better than a freshly cut and trimmed lawn. The process of pruning trees, bushes, and shrubs is part of keeping a lawn and gardens looking good. By removing certain parts of plants they take on a better shape, appearance, and become more fruitful / productive. BUT, this process of pruning humans, well, that's another thing altogether.

You know, when working with plants, roses especially, thorns can cut your hands. Let's be honest, cuts hurt.

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## ETCA Golf Tournament

Support East Texas Christian Academy's athletic programs by participating in the 2010 Jim Pattillo Memorial Golf Tournament! Sponsor a hole and bring a team to Oak Hurst Golf Course on Monday, May 3. It will be a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m., followed by lunch & door prizes. For more info, call 093.561.8642 or email [aballard@etca.org](mailto:aballard@etca.org).

### A Tribute to Mothers

*For every time you've wiped my tears,  
and tried to heal my hurts,  
For every hour of sleep you missed, to take good care of me,  
For every time you were my nurse,  
and helped me to get well,  
For every time you were a teacher,  
and helped me do my homework,  
For every time I failed and you helped me to get up  
and start again,  
For every time you did without, and unselfishly gave to me,  
For every time you spoke my name to the Heavenly Father,  
For every time you spoke of God and  
how beautiful He made the world,  
For every thing you did for me when you were  
tired and feeling bad,  
For every hug and loving smile that told me you approved,  
For every hour you took time to play  
even though you had so much to do,  
For every time you disciplined me,  
and made me do what's right,  
For every time you laid awake and worried 'til I came home,  
For every time you said how proud you were  
to be my mother,  
For all of this, and so much more, "I'm proud to call you my  
Mother!"-- David Sain*

Wednesday Night Meal for May 12:  
Burgers, Fries & Homemade Pies

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## Scrapbooking

If you are interested in scrapbooking, we have a group that meets every second Thursday of the month at the Benevolence Center. The next crop will be Thursday, May 13, at 6:00 p.m. Bring your own supplies and be ready for some creative fun and fellowship. Call Melanie Murry for info at 903.216.8587.

## With Sympathy

Services for **Una Stegall**, former West Erwin member and grandmother of Matt Kelly, were Wednesday at Shiloh Road Church of Christ. Our love, prayers and sympathy are with the family.

## Wedding Table Shower

We will be having a wedding table shower for **Megan Craycraft**, bride-elect of **Kenny Roden**, Sunday, May 9. Selections at Target, Bed, Bath & Beyond and [www.Williams-Sonoma.com](http://www.Williams-Sonoma.com).

## Young At Heart

All Seniors 55+ are invited to our Young At Heart meeting Thursday, May 13 at the West Erwin Family Life Center.

## All Church Luncheon

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<b>Worship a.m.</b>	615	631	650
<b>Worship p.m.</b>	345	336	370
<b>Wed. p.m.</b>	285	270	336
<b>Contribution</b>	\$24,216.79	\$66,952.80	\$23,243.92
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	\$27,981.00		

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## Moments With Mike

### Are You Ready To Worship God?

This Sunday marks the start of the third year for our radio program, *Our Living Hope*. At the start of each program I say, "It's Sunday. Are you ready to worship God?"

It is my belief that many who are listening are actually in the process of getting ready to go and worship God. Some would love to worship God with others but are unable to leave where they are. And then, of course, there are some who have either lost interest or never found their place to worship God with others.

Despite the downward trend over the past few years, the process of assembling to worship God remains one of the most popular activities shared across our nation. In fact, one article I read recently mentioned that more people worship on Sunday than watch the Super Bowl. How's that for perspective?

Sadly, less than half of those who profess to be Christians will worship on any given week. But for those who do, it is, and should be, a time of joy.

By the way, of the 14 largest Christian groups in the USA, the Churches of Christ rank at the top with the highest ratio of membership to attendance. But still there is room for improvement.

David said in Psalm 122:1, "I was glad when they

said to me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord." i pray that we can all have this type of thought when it comes to gathering together to worship God.

So, how does one get ready to worship God? Here are just a few brief suggestions.

- ◆ Decide in advance you are going to go. Don't put off the decision until the last minute.
- ◆ Rest up. Get plenty of rest the night before.
- ◆ Bring your Bible. Read along with each passage in your own Bible.
- ◆ Don't be late. In fact, plan to arrive early and get to know others better.
- ◆ Pray. Use the time at home or in the car to help get your mind ready to worship God.
- ◆ Remember what God has done for you.
- ◆ Remember what God expects of you.

There are many other things that could be listed, but these will give us a start. I hope and pray that each of us can be well prepared to join together in worship each week. Its not just about being in one place, but more importantly, its about being of one mind as we worship.

Are you ready to worship God? I certainly hope you are.

See you Sunday! Mike

2010 Theme  
*We Believe*

Sermons for May 2, 2010 by Mike Baker  
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### MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Thursday, May 6, will be the Annual Tyler Mayor's Prayer

### Milk, Meat & Honey

By Don Crawford

"...if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and will heal their land." (2 Chron 7:14)

Milk

The milk is that portion which explains GOD'S basic nature. We pick up on His nature by observing how He dealt with His people. The passage above is GOD'S statement to Solomon after the temple had been completed. GOD said to Solomon, "I have heard your prayer and have

Breakfast. West Erwin will be helping prepare and serve the breakfast. We need about 12 men who would be willing to come early and help. There will be a sign-up list at the Visitors Center. If you have any questions, call me.

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chosen this place for myself as a temple for sacrifices." Then GOD made the statement above...(:14). The next sentence GOD says, "Now my eyes will be opened and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place."

Solomon had stood before the altar in front of all Israel and petitioned GOD to always listen to the prayers offered in the temple (6:20,40).

The writer wanted us to know two things. First, is the sequence — trouble arises from sin and only humble penitence will lead to reconciliation and restoration. Second, is to hear Solomon's request and GOD'S reply.

Next week — some meat.

are many temptations and dangers that confront each of us every day. The successful person knows where to turn for help and how to use the resources at their disposal to handle difficult situations. That is the story of mankind. To be successful in this fallen world, we learn to rely upon Jesus and use His Word to light our way *Psalm 119:105*. As we study God's Word and allow it to take root in our heart, we learn how to determine what is good and evil and make the Godly choices. Read *Psalm 1* and *Psalm 119:33-40*.

Remember the hymn we used to sing "All of self and none of thee?" The verses progressively changed until we reached the last verse where we sang "None of self and all of Thee." That is the maturing process we must go through as a Christ follower. When Satan tempted Jesus in the wilderness he used scripture to tempt the Son of God. Jesus answered with scripture in each case. If Satan were to tempt you today, could you defend yourself?

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight." *Proverbs 3:5-6*

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## West Erwin Playschool



West Erwin Playschool is looking for loving, part-time teachers for the 2010-2011 school year. If interested, or for more information, contact Kim DuPree at 903.530.4948 or email [weplayschool@gmail.com](mailto:weplayschool@gmail.com).

## ETCA Golf Tournament

Support East Texas Christian Academy's athletic programs by participating in the 2010 Jim Pattillo Memorial Golf Tournament! Sponsor a hole and bring a team to Oak Hurst Golf Course on Monday, May 3. It will be a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m., followed by lunch & door prizes. For more info, call 093.561.8642 or email [aballard@etca.org](mailto:aballard@etca.org).

**Arms of Hope will be in Tyler to collect food & other items May 3-7. They suggest donating toilet paper and/or coffee. Please leave your items in the bin at the Erwin Street entrance of the Main Building.**

## North Tenneha Homecoming

North Tenneha Church of Christ cordially invites you to their 75th Annual Homecoming & Gospel Meeting May 2-7. Bible Classes on Sunday will begin at 9:00 a.m., worship at 10:15 .m. and afternoon service at 2:30 p.m. Dinner will be served following morning worship. Services Monday-Friday will begin at 7:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Dr. W.F. Washington of Fort Lauderdale, FL. For more information, call 903-593-6868.

## Welcome, New Members!

Ranae Bone & Brianna (3rd Grade)  
5621 Old Bullard Rd. #190, Tyler, TX 75703  
903.266.9404

Michael & Stacy Muncy,  
Kayla (9th Grade), Sarah (2nd Grade) &  
Jackson (infant)  
12037 FM 16 W, Lindale, TX 75771  
903.881.9190

Tommy & Linda Boudreau  
11540 Tailspin Trl., Frankston, TX 75763  
903.876.2076

David Boudreau  
10874 Hillside Drive, Frankston, TX 75763

Wednesday Night Meal for May 5:  
Mexican Food

## Thank You

Thank you for your cards, visits and especially your prayers during my illness. I love each of you very much. I am happy to be associated with good people. Love in Christ,

Dean Brookshire

Dear West Erwin Family, Thanks to our dear brothers & sisters at West Erwin for the love, comfort & support given to our family during the loss of our mother.

Ken & Carlotta Browning & family

## Teachers' Workshop

Please join us for a teachers' workshop titled, "Teaching Bible to 21st Century Students" at West Erwin Church of Christ on Saturday, May 1, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. in room 112 of the Main Building. This workshop will be presented by Dr. Joy Rousseau. Please RSVP by Monday, April 26 at 903-592-0809.

## With Sympathy

Services for Ann Miller, sister of Martha Boykin, were last Friday in Richardson, TX. Our love, prayers and sympathy are with the family.

## New Email Address

Lonnie Brown:  
[ldbrownusa@gmail.com](mailto:ldbrownusa@gmail.com)

## All Church Luncheon

**May 16**

Join us after morning services for a catered luncheon in the FLC.  
Devo to follow lunch. No evening service.  
Small Groups still meet!

## Wedding Table Shower

We will be having a wedding table shower for Megan Craycraft, bride-elect of Kenny Roden, May 2 & May 9. Selections at Target, Bed, Bath & Beyond and [www.Williams-Sonoma.com](http://www.Williams-Sonoma.com). Please leave your gift on the table in the main foyer and be sure to specify who the gift is for.



## Growing in Grace by Mike Gravois

*Ephesians 4:11-13: "It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ."*

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Step 4: ". . . and become mature attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ."

"But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil."

Hebrews 5:14

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything." *James 1:2-4*

WE Believe in Loving God & Loving Others (*Matthew 22:34-40*). Let's be honest with each other. This world is not always a safe place for children, or adults for that matter. There



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Worship a.m.	631	652	705
Worship p.m.	336	373	373
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Led by those who participated in  
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## Moments With Mike

### When Did We See You?

I found out recently that a friend of mine was found dead in a town where we used to live. I can't say that I was really shocked to hear the news because this friend had many problems. But still I was very saddened to hear of his passing.

This friend was a Christian, but struggled most of his life. His life was peppered with many instances where he made the wrong choices. Of course, we all make mistakes in life, but his seemed to be more public than others. He even went to jail a couple of times.

Along the way his mind began to show the effects of chemical imbalance, some brought on by his past use of various substances and some because that's just what his brain did. He recognized that he would always be a work in progress and that he would quickly lose ground if he was ever off of his regiment of corrective medications.

A couple of weeks ago while going through a few of my books I found a book that this friend had given to me to help encourage me in my work as a minister. Inside the book was a card in which he had written a very encouraging note. When his mind was functioning properly he was very kind, generous and caring. But at other times he was, well, a hand full, as some would say.

Even though he was a Christian since his younger

days, he didn't fit in very quickly when he came back to church. But gradually most people were able to see past his past and try to join him in seeing something better in his future. Still there were some that I feel probably never fully accepted him. That always made me sad to witness.

In Matthew 25, Jesus speaks of being hungry, thirsty, sick and in prison among other things. He speaks of how others came and saw to His needs. But the crowd responded in verses 38-39 saying, "When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?"

Jesus simply replied that when we take care of others we are also taking care of Him.

I know several others who spent much time with this friend over the years. They assisted, encouraged, fed, protected and even housed him. In the end, I would suppose that most of us were frustrated that we couldn't fix what couldn't be fixed. But in the days that his mind would allow us to do so, we helped to provide for this brother in Christ just as if we were providing for our Lord.

Every person you see has a need that needs to be filled. Have you seen them? Open your eyes, then open your heart. Find your joy in serving the needs of others.

See you Sunday! Mike

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### LTC CELEBRATION

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## Milk, Meat & Honey

By Don Crawford

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The milk is that portion which explains GOD'S basic nature. We learn His nature by observing how He dealt with His people throughout the Scriptures.

The meat of His Word is where we find wisdom to cope with life's daily demands. What is He

wanting to teach me concerning life?

The honey is what restores our soul, enlightens our vision, and causes us to rejoice. The Psalmist said it this way:

"How sweet are your words to my taste,  
Sweeter than honey to my mouth.  
(Ps 119:103)

This writing will serve as the beginning of a new series for my bulletin articles. Hang on to these three words: Milk, Meat, and Honey. I will do my best to point them out each week as we take time to listen to our Creator.

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**Ephesians 4:11-13** <sup>11</sup>It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up <sup>13</sup>until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

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**Step 3:** ". . . until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God . . ."

"All the believers were one in heart and mind." **Finish reading Acts 4:32-37**

*If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from His love, if any fellowship with the spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in*

*humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Philippians 2:1-4*

**WE Believe in Loving God & Loving Others (Matthew 22:34-40).** When I started this series of articles I used the concept of T.E.A.M. = **Together Everyone Achieves More.**

When a group of believers has a shared focus combined with a knowledge of God and His will for our lives, a spirit of unity and cohesiveness is the natural result. When we begin to look after the interests of others God will draw us closer to Him.

*"Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the gospel without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you."*

*Philippians 1:27b-28a*

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## ETCA Now Enrolling

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### Books & Bindings

The next B&BBC Meeting will be April 27 at the home of Jeanine Hughes, 3704 Birdwell. Please call Jeanine to RSVP at 903-592-1167.

## Lost & Found

The Lost & Found cabinet in the Main Foyer has become full of many items. Please check the cabinet to claim your items. The clothing will be donated to the Benevolent Center at the end of May if it is not claimed.

## Thank You

Dear family,  
Thank you so much for your cards, calls, visits and especially your prayers before and after my surgery.

*Jasper Huff*

We want to thank everyone for the calls, visits, cards and especially the prayers during my knee replacement and the tests and procedures leading up to it. We talk often about how fortunate we are to be members of a congregation of the Lord's people like West Erwin.

*Melvin & Nina Crow*

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Tyler Ritchie, son of Ranae Bone, who will graduate from the Army on April 30 in Ft. Benning, Georgia. Way to go, Tyler!

## Relationship Workshop

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Wednesday Night Meal for April 28:  
Italian-Bruno's

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## Biblical Institute of Central America

David Romero and his wife will be at West Erwin this Sunday, April 25, at which time David will be speaking during the worship hour on his work with the preaching schools in Central America. West Erwin will be David's sponsoring congregation, so please make every effort to be here Sunday to hear more about this exciting mission work.

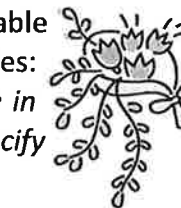
**Arms of Hope will be in Tyler to collect food & other items May 3-7. They suggest donating toilet paper and/or coffee. Please leave your items in the bin at the Erwin Street entrance of the Main Building.**

## Corinth Rd. Gospel Singing

The Corinth Rd. Church of Christ in Jacksonville invites you to their gospel singing on Friday, April 30, from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

## Wedding Table Showers

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Records	Sunday— April 11	Sunday— April 4	Year Ago
Bible Class	409	302	276
Worship a.m.	652	605	578
Worship p.m.	373	214	270
Wed. p.m.	268	355	360
Contribution	\$29,670.58	\$ 23,100.39	\$17,411.71
Weekly Budget	\$27,981.00		

**Hospitalized:** ETMC: Junior Albritton & Roger Hulse, members at the church in Lindale, heart problems | Jasper Huff, recovering after colon surgery, rm. 4439 | L. T. Murry, father of Jon, gallbladder surgery | Health South- John Pike, recovering from heart bypass surgery **Updates:** Dean Brookshire is now home. | Denise Caddell, friend of Danny Riley, was diagnosed with leukemia. | Jeri Church had surgery on her leg for squamous cell carcinoma on 4/9. | Milburn Cook had surgery Wednesday at MFH. | Patsy Fisher's doctors have found a mass in her brain and she will have further tests. | Brady Johnson was scheduled to see a bone specialist in Dallas on 4/9 for further testing on a tumor on his hip. | Bob May is now home. | Wes Price is hospitalized in Dallas and in a coma. | Emma Seaberry, ex-daughter-in-law of Louise, was diagnosed with stage 3 breast cancer. | Esther Wilson is undergoing tests about her treatment. **West Erwin Family** Deloris Bundy | Milburn Cook | Wini Cullinan | Joe Elerson | Riece Gibson | Addie Marie Harraid | Norene Ingram | Mary McFadden | Emma Morgan | Bettye Price | Jenny Price | Molly Lou Terry **Ongoing concerns:** Johnny Anders | Darrell & Nell Beard | Delle Bullard | Kalli Huff | Dub & Opal Mathews | Penny & Wade McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | Maxine Ray | George Richardson | Liz Rogers | Ira & Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods **Family & Friends** Brett Finley (cancer), son-in-law of the Womacks | Pat Gray (cancer), sister of Fran Starnes | Earl O'Quinn, brother-in-law of Matt Haws

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Scripture Odie Kennedy  
Dismiss Jay Bynum  
Presiding At The Lord's Table Jon Murry

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Danny Riley John Shaw  
Joe Roach Spencer Shaw  
Gaylan Seagler Keith Skender  
Frank Setzler Dannie Skipper

**5:00 PM ASSEMBLY**

Prayer Aubrey Morman  
Scripture Carlos Morgan  
Dismiss Kenneth Muncy

**GREETERS**

Walker & Rhonda Weathers & Kenzie Fedell  
Charles & Linda Westerfeld & McKenzie Fennell  
Bill & Barbara White & Chase Fisher  
**Visitor Center:** Dale & Dot White  
David & Ginny Wicks

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Children's Worship: Amber Wallace

# "From The Heart of TYLER"



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## Moments With Mike

When it comes to the things that we really want to do we seem to have no problem in doing whatever it takes to make it happen. No obstacle is too great to overcome when we set our minds to reaching a goal.

Unfortunately, we don't always approach important things with the same focus and enthusiasm. In short, we sometimes fail to plan for the things that really need to be done.

At one point in my corporate life I was a manager over a number of people. Many of them were excellent workers who were self-motivated and consistently on time with their objectives. But there were also some who just never seemed to be able to plan their time efficiently. Their priorities were always out of order and they often found themselves missing deadlines, producing inferior work and causing others to have to clean up their messes. It was very frustrating to see the lack of planning in their lives.

I noticed a change in one lady when her husband won a vacation with his company and, naturally, wanted his wife to accompany him. But there was a problem. She had put off several projects that would all be due while she was gone on this trip. Her request for time off was granted on the condition that she complete these projects before she left for the trip.

## Make Your Plans

Guess what? She suddenly became a very diligent worker. She charted out exactly what had to be done and worked extra hours each day to complete the targeted tasks. In the end, she became a model employee, at least until her vacation began.

Over the years I've witnessed Christians who are excellent workers for the Lord and who consciously plan to grow spiritually each year. I've also known many who just didn't seem to put very much effort into their spiritual life and relationship with other Christians.

Friends, let's make our plans today to be focused on our goal of heaven. Let's consciously plan to be more active in our interactions with God and with others. Heb. 10:23-25.

See you Sunday! Mike

## FYI...

Last week it was my privilege to tape two programs of Give Me The Bible with Dan Manuel and others. These TV programs are scheduled to air the next two Sundays (18th and 25th) at 7 a.m. on channel 56. I hope you will tune in to watch these. Also, don't forget to listen to Our Living Hope, on KTBB AM 600 at 7:30.

2010 Theme  
*We Believe*

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

LTC... that is a name that brings different emotions to different people. I have heard the following expressions about LTC: "Is it that time already?"; "I can't wait till next year, I already know what I'm going to do!"; "I know I'm not old enough, but please let me participate."; "WOW!"; "What a great family!"; "Man it's a lot of work!" Still others have said: "Nothing good comes out of LTC."; "Our kids are only playing." One thing I have noticed... is that a whole lot of families get together and as a team involve a bunch of our kids in using their gifts to praise God. It not only brings people together, but it also brings people closer to God. It is not just about the weekend, but it is about the whole experience. I know of many families who have been blessed over the years. It is my hope that each person has the opportunity to be a part of something that helps them grow in their spiritual life, in team work & in their families. If you have not ever been a part of LTC... then try it next year. You might be surprised at what God can do in you. If you have been a part of LTC... then you know what I'm talking about and... Thank you for blessing the rest of us.

Either way, our young people will be showing you a little about what they have been a part of in LTC 2010. Join us on Sunday night, April 25 for a special presentation as we celebrate with them!

### SUMMER DATES

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July 1-10	Nebraska Mission Trip
July 13-17	Middle School Madness
July 24-30	New Orleans Mission Trip

### Lord, Prop Us Up By Don Crawford

This week I'm passing on an email that I thought was very meaningful. Here it is:

Years ago there was an old timer who prayed, "Lord, prop us up on our leanin side." This was always part of his prayer. When asked about it he said, "I got an old barn out back. It's been there a long time; it's withstood a lot of weather; it's gone through a lot of storms, and it's stood for many years. It's still standing. But one day I noticed it was leaning to one side a bit. So I went and got some pine poles and propped it up on the leanin side

so it wouldn't fall. Then I got thinking about that how much I was like that old barn. I been around a long time; I been through a lot of storms in my life; seen a lot of hard times and I'm still standin too. But I find myself leanin to one side from time to time, so I like to ask the Lord to prop me up on the leanin side cause I figure a lot of us get to leanin at times.

Sometimes we get to leanin toward anger, bitterness, hatred, cussing,...leanin toward a lot of things that we shouldn't. So we need to pray, 'Lord, prop me up on my leanin side so I will stand straight and tall again to glorify You, Lord.'"

Hope it touched you like it did me.

### Growing in Grace by Mike Gravois

Ephesians 4:11-13 <sup>11</sup>It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up <sup>13</sup>until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

We have been looking at Paul's four-fold plan for the Ephesian church.

Step 2: God assembled a group of believers "so that the body of Christ may be built up."

"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness." Colossians 2:6-7

"As you come to Him, the living Stone - rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to Him - you also, like living

stones,

are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Christ Jesus." 4-

At the West Erwin church of Christ, WE Believe. This quarter's focus is on **Loving God & Loving Others** based upon *Matthew 22:34-40*.

Like the Ephesian church, God is building us into a spiritual house to serve the community of Tyler, TX and surrounding areas.

He accomplishes this when we come to Him (*Mt. 11:28*), receive Him (*John 1:12-13*), live in Him (*John 15:10-11*), and offer our lives as spiritual sacrifices (*Romans 12:1-2*). Then our lives will overflow with blessings and thankfulness (*Hebrews 12:28-29*). *How is God working in your life today . . . no, that's not right. How are YOU working to accomplish God's will for your life today?*

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Summer VBS - Egypt: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace - Saturday, August 7 from 9:00am - 3:00pm.

Please join us for a Bridal Shower

honoring

Chanse Seay

bride-elect of Brandon Lott

Saturday, April 17th

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

at the home of Julie Ables

3026 Concord Place

Tyler, Texas

Selections: Dillard's,

Bed, Bath & Beyond

### With Sympathy

A private service was held for Warren Gray, who passed away April 10. | Graveside services for Nelda Browning were Monday at Memorial. | A memorial service for Lou Jarrett, uncle of Rebekah Carnathan, will be Sunday in Arlington. Our love, prayers and sympathy are with these families.

### ETCA Now Enrolling

East Texas Christian Academy is now enrolling for the 2010-2011 school year. PreK 3 - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Small classes, Christ-centered curriculum, in a nurturing environment. For information please call Mike Gravois, Director of Admissions at 903.561.9582 or visit our website at [www.etca.org](http://www.etca.org).



Michael & Rebekah Carnathan  
New Address: 15113 Boaz Ln., Lindale,  
TX 75771

Chris & Lara Reynolds  
New Home Phone #: 903-483-1955

### Thank You

Dear West Erwin Family,  
Thank you so much for all the love, prayers, calls, cards, visits, food and support during Ruth's long illness and death. She loved you so much- and so do I. In Christian love,

Bill Mezell

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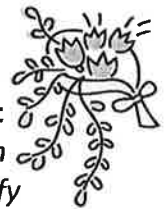


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### Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast

The Boy Scout Troop 354 invites you to a pancake breakfast Saturday, April 17 from 7:30-10:30 a.m. at the West Erwin Family Life Center. The cost for adults is \$3.00 and children age 10 and under are \$1.00.

### Congratulations!



We are so very proud of Toby Kennedy for being awarded the Community Service Award from the Andrews Center for his benevolent and volunteer work at the West Erwin Church of Christ Benevolent Center and PATH. Toby received his award at a ceremony at Harvey Hall on Monday. Congratulations, Toby!



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<b>Worship a.m.</b>	605	656	694
<b>Worship p.m.</b>	214	NC	NC
<b>Wed. p.m.</b>	355	309	368
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Carlos Morgan Bob Paul  
Roy Morgan Wendell Potter  
Kenneth Muncy Chris Reynolds

**5:00 PM ASSEMBLY**

Prayer Clifton Lindsey  
Scripture Donny Ingram  
Dismiss Joey Marse

**GREETERS**

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**Moments With Mike**

**Who Are You?**

Have you ever had one of those moments when you are about to greet someone and you can't remember who they are? It's happened to me on more than one occasion. It is very frustrating to know that you know them, but you just can't remember their name or you've forgotten from where you know them.

Being in my line of work I have the privilege of getting to know a great number of people. On Sundays I'll personally greet several hundred people calling most by name. I tell you this, that walking around and greeting people on Sundays and Wednesdays are among the high points of my week. I love to interact with people.

But every now and then I'll have a mental block and won't be able to recall a person's name to save my life. In those situations I've learned that I can either strain my brain and worry that I won't remember, or I can simply fess up and say, "I'm sorry but your name has slipped my mind. Who are you again?"

The first time or two I did this I felt as if I had failed in some way, and I had! I had failed to recall their name. But rather than accept failure I chose to do something immediately that would help turn failure into something good. Don't let fear of failure keep you from doing the things that you should be doing in life. In fact, Sunday's

lesson will deal with this very thing. I hope you will be here.

One of Allen Webster's bulletins from Jacksonville, AL, had the following insight along the lines of who we are. Consider what he wrote as you might be called upon to answer the question, "who are you?"

**Whoever You Are**

*Whoever you are, there is some younger person who thinks you are perfect.*

*Whoever you are, there is some work that won't get done unless you do it.*

*Whoever you are, there is someone who would miss you if you were gone.*

*Whoever you are, there is a reason for becoming better than you are.*

*Whoever you are, there is a place to be filled that you alone can fill.*

*Jesus emphasized the importance of personal example in His sermon on the mount as He stated, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).*

Friends, you are all important to God and to us. Let's do our very best to serve our wonderful Lord.

See you Sunday! Mike

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

Thanks... that's a word that usually expresses an appreciation for a small gesture. But today it expresses so much more. In fact, Thanks is not nearly enough to express the gratitude owed to the many of you who stepped up to take care of what needed to be done at LTC this year. A young lady who coordinates the Drama event (one of the largest events) lost a family member and the funeral kept her from being at LTC this year. Her entire team was also her family. When we became aware of this, some of our folks stepped up to the plate and took the lead. A special Thanks to Kristi Harris, Danielle Rousseau, Wendy Culpepper, Lisa Snell and a host of others who made it happen. You are to be commended! Leadership training... it works.

Thanks to all of those who coached teams, wrote scripts, served food, handled security, drove the bus, moved the kids, etc... It is because of you that our young people were blessed this weekend.

Young people... You are amazing! Your spirit, hard work, dedication & love for the Lord always outshines the world. You continue to amaze me! Thank you for loving the Lord!

### AREA-WIDE YOUTH GATHERING

All middle & high school students are invited to the Gathering this

coming Sunday night at Glenwood. We will leave right after church Sunday night and we will be finished at 8:15. Please bring \$3 for supper. Parents can pick up your teens at Glenwood. Please make plans to be a part of this special evening of fellowshiping with our brothers and sisters in Christ from all over East Texas.

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### Listen to These Words!

By Don Crawford

Satan has always wanted us to believe that our Holy GOD is so far from us that He cannot hear us, so high above us that He cannot be reached, and so distant that He cannot see our predicaments. Satan knows if he can get us to believe these things then we would not be so apt to worship Him and call upon His name. Then I read these words from the Psalmist:

*"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in Spirit." (Ps 34:18)*

Psalm 34 was written by David while on the run from King Saul who wanted him dead. Satan wanted to drive David into a deep pit of despair. So deep he would not even think to call upon his GOD.

David would not be driven away from his GOD. He wrote, "I sought the Lord, and He answered me; He delivered me from all my fears." He also reminded us that the poor man called out to the Lord and the Lord heard him and saved him out of his troubles.

Then David pleads with us (:3) "Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt His name together."

### Growing in Grace by Mike Gravois

*Ephesians 4:11-13* <sup>11</sup>It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up <sup>13</sup>until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

In last week's article we looked at Paul's quote to the Ephesians and how God developed a team of individuals with various gifts and abilities to accomplish His plan. You can clearly see God's four-fold plan for the Ephesian church in this passage.

**Step 1:** God assembled a group of believers "to prepare God's people for works of service."

*"You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them.*

*Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must*

*be your slave— just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many." Matthew 20:25b-28*

*"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for Me." Matthew 25:40*  
*Read Paul's charge to the Philippians in 2:5-11.*

When we look at the theme of **WE Believe** and this quarter's focus on **Loving God & Loving Others** based upon **Matthew 22:34-40**, look at your gifts and ask yourself "How is God working in my life to advance His kingdom on Earth and in the West Erwin Church of Christ?"

We will become more and more like Christ when we put the needs of others ahead of our own. Brothers and sisters in Christ we need an attitude adjustment!!! Our attitude **should be the same as that of Christ Jesus.**

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## ETCA Now Enrolling

East Texas Christian Academy is now enrolling for the 2010-2011 school year. PreK 3 - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Small classes, Christ-centered curriculum, in a nurturing environment. For information please call Mike Gravois, Director of Admissions at 903.561.9582 or visit our website at [www.etca.org](http://www.etca.org)

## Scrapbooking

If you are interested in scrapbooking, please meet at the Benevolent Center at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 8.



## Phone Number Change

Sheri Gruver  
903-805-1718

## Thank You

To my dear West Erwin Family,  
Thank you so much for your prayers on behalf of my nephew, Chris Obermeyer. He has had the surgery he needed and is now able to go about his daily activities. We are very thankful for the healing he has received. Sincerely,

Elaine Fisk

Thank you so much for all the calls, cards, food and prayers. We love and appreciate every one of you.

Ralph & Barbara Henderson

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Burgers

## Upcoming Events of Interest

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## Send A Card

Marie Park called and said she and her brother, Thomas, have not been able to come to services because of health problems. She misses everyone! They would probably appreciate a card or note. Marie's address is 18982 Hwy 64 East, Canton, TX 75103.

## Little People's School

Little People's School is looking for loving, part-time teachers for Pre-K and 2-year-old classes for the 2010-2011 school year. For more information, call Cathy Howell at 903-509-8904 or email [lp@glenwoodchurch.com](mailto:lp@glenwoodchurch.com).





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Bible Class	381	382	447
Worship a.m.	656	605	700
Worship p.m.	NC	411	439
Wed. p.m.	309	358	326
Contribution	\$26,066.85	\$25,141.95	\$24,759.24
Weekly Budget	\$27,981.00		

**ETMC:** Betty Boles, ETMC Rehab, rm. 309A. | Alexis Foster, 8<sup>th</sup> grader from Sulphur Springs, ICU. | Dean Rainer, father of Christa Ruiz | **UTHSCT:** John Pike for recurring problems. **Updates** Amanda Ables, granddaughter-in-law of Arnold and Agnes, is now home. | Judy Clark is home recovering from surgery. | Milburn Cook is undergoing tests. | Ralph Henderson is now home. | Jasper Huff will have surgery to remove part of his colon April 8 at ETMC. | Mary Hunt has been released from the hospital. | Norene Ingram fell and slid down her driveway face first. She injured her face, hands & knees. She cannot get up to answer the door, but can answer telephone calls. | Ellen Poindexter, mother of Kenna Kempton, is now home. | Wes Price is hospitalized in Dallas and was having to be packed in ice for a spike in his temperature. **West Erwin Family** Armando Alaniz | Deloris Bundy | Wini Cullinan | Joe Elerson | Riece Gibson | Addie Marie Harraid | Mary McFadden | Emma Morgan | Bettye Price | Molly Lou Terry *Ongoing concerns:* Johnny Anders | Darrell & Nell Beard | Delle Buitard | Milburn Cook | Kaiti Huff | Warren Gray | Dub & Opai Matthews | Penny & Wade McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | Maxine Ray | George Richardson | Liz Rogers | Ira & Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods **Family & Friends** Brett Finley (cancer), son-in-law of the Womacks | Earl O'Quinn, brother-in-law of Matt Haws | Lloyd Hebert, Harry Beniot & Derinda Vaughn, friends/relatives of the Cawyers | Lou Jarrett (lung cancer), uncle of Rebekah Carnathan

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Dismiss	Ron Lott
Presiding At The Lord's Table	Pete Leung

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Paul Montandon	Tommy Parrish
Carlos Morgan	Bob Paul
Roy Morgan	Wendell Potter
Kenneth Muncy	Chris Reynolds

**5:00 PM ASSEMBLY**

Prayer	Clay Kinser
Scripture	George Hill
Dismiss	Robert Lee

**GREETERS**

Dannie & Sue Skipper  
Dennis & Karen Stansbury  
Glynn & Fran Starnes  
**Visitor Center:** James & Connie Sublette  
Barbara Smart & Cathy Stowers

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Children's Worship: Daniel & Ginger Pippin

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## Moments With Mike

### Without Him

Over the past two Sundays I have preached on the betrayal by Judas, the denials by Peter and then the crucifixion of Jesus. This Sunday we will examine the resurrection and then also an appeal that we never forget what Jesus has done for us.

As the sermon ended on Sunday, Jesus was dead and still on the cross. There is no joy in such a death. The joy is in the resurrection to come. You know the events of that day, but let's review some of them anyway.

Soldiers were going to hasten the death of the victims on the crosses by breaking their legs. But when they got to Jesus they found He was already dead.

A soldier pierced His side with a sword and blood and water flowed out. Our blood breaks down and separates in this way after we die.

Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus took the body of Jesus and quickly prepared the body for burial in a new tomb nearby. Pilate was reminded of the words of Jesus saying that He would rise again after three days, so he commanded that a guard be placed at the tomb and that the tomb be sealed with a stone.

But where were the disciples? They had fled during the arrest. Some were curious enough to follow Jesus through the trial stage and some were present at the

crucifixion. But where were they when Jesus was being taken off the cross and buried? What were their thoughts? What were their feelings or their fears?

The Bible gives us little insight on the answers to these questions. One thing we can assume is that this was a very difficult time for the disciples. After three plus years of watching Jesus perform miracles and elude His enemies they are suddenly without Him.

Without Him. Without Jesus. Let that sink in for a moment. Jesus had been taken away from them. What will they do now?

Fortunately for them by the time Sunday came around the tomb was empty and Jesus was soon to be in the presence of the disciples again. But in the time before that the faith of the disciples was surely put to the test.

Sadly many people today will experience life without Jesus but not because Jesus was taken away from them. No, the sad part is that many people simply leave Jesus out of their lives.

Friends, that is a condition that I pray you will never experience. Think about your choices and determine today that you will never leave Jesus out of your life.

See you Sunday! Mike

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"The Church With Heart"

## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

As most of you read this article, a group of about 180 from West Erwin will be in Dallas at the Hilton Anatole Hotel for the annual Leadership Training for Christ Convention. This weekend, there will be young people and adults all over the country coming together to use their talents & gifts to praise God. Not only will there be 6000 young people at the three sites in Dallas, but also thousands at other LTC Conventions in Houston, TX; Charlotte, NC; Tulsa, OK; Kansas City, MO; Indianapolis, IN; Mobile, AL; Oregon Phoenix, AZ; & San Jose, CA. A special thanks to all of our sponsors for making it happen this year!

### SUMMER DATES

The dates for the summer trips are listed below. All of those going into grades 6-8 are invited to be a part of Middle School Madness. All of those going into grades 9-12 and graduating seniors are invited to be a part of the BackCountry Trek, Nebraska Mission Trip & New Orleans Mission Trip. Those of you going on the mission trips need to be working on your required 20 service hours. We will also have several service project days at the beginning of the summer.

April 2-4	LTC Convention
April 11	Area Wide Youth at Glenwood
April 25	LTC Presentation
June 13-19	BackCountry Trek
July 1-10	Nebraska Mission Trip
July 13-17	Middle School Madness
July 24-30	New Orleans Mission Trip

### IMPORTANT DATES

### We Believe Therefore We Pray

By Don Crawford

We have all known about John the baptizer, but we've never really focused on him. He was probably too close to Jesus so we just looked over him.

Jesus spoke highly of John saying, "among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John (Mt 11:11).

John's parents were both highly spoken of as well. They were both obedient, GOD-fearing, righteous people. Zechariah was a priest. However, by this time priests were abundant and to serve in the temple was a rare occasion. One day Zechariah was the chosen one to go into the temple to offer

the incense. The time came for him to exercise his chosen duty. The worshippers were outside praying. Inside, Gabriel appeared.....must have scared Zechariah half to death. Gabriel said, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard."

This is where I stopped to examine myself. How would I respond to such a visit from one who stands in the presence of GOD? Zechariah was praying but he did not expect a response from HE who hears his prayers.

What's the use in praying if I do it not expecting any response from GOD? Then the words of Mt. 14:31 came to mind; "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" Doubt Not!

works of service; 2) so that the body of Christ may be built up; 3) until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God; 4) and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. There it is, God's four-fold purpose for the believers in Ephesus.

We are all part of the TEAM of believers God has assembled at the West Erwin Church of Christ in Tyler, Texas. What spiritual gifts, talents, and abilities do you bring to this TEAM? Are you doing your best to be a part of this TEAM? God put us here for a specific purpose and equipped us to accomplish His will and plan. No matter what your role WE NEED YOU!, because Together Everyone Achieves More.

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West Erwin's Summer Vacation Bible School will be Saturday, August 7 from 9:00am - 3:00pm.

This year's theme will be Egypt: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace.

We will use the one-day marketplace format and turn the FLC into Egypt as we bring the Biblical story of Joseph to life for our children.

Please keep this effort in your prayers and watch for a sign-up table in the foyer.

### Growing in Grace by Mike Gravois

Go oooooo TEAM!!!

There was a banner that hung in the gymnasium where I attended high school. The banner read TEAM, where the letters of the word TEAM stood for Together Everyone Achieves More. Each day, the coaches would remind us that we are all part of a TEAM and that each of us as individuals brought something to the group. When we each applied our strengths, talents, and abilities the TEAM would get better. When we gave our all and did our best, the TEAM performed at its best.

Why are you here? You are not here by accident. Listen to these words from Paul's letter to the church in Ephesus.

Ephesians 4:11-13

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God built the Ephesian TEAM 1) to prepare God's people for

### Ladies' Involvement Ministry

Each week, we are highlighting a different Ladies' Ministry that you can be involved in. If interested, contact the leader of that ministry.

#### Tuesday Lunch Bunch

Contact Person: Carolyn Welborn 903-592-2011

This group plans and prepares meals on Tuesday to send to our home bound, seniors, and others with special needs. Men from the congregation help deliver the meals. There are six teams that prepare food for 2 months each year.

### Thank You!

Many thanks to Dale & Carolyn Blackstone for hosting the Easter egg hunt last Saturday at their home. Their love for children and their hard work is a great example to us all. Thanks for all you do for the West Erwin family, Dale & Carolyn!

To our church family, You are such a blessing to us. Thank you for your prayers, concerns, phone calls and cards during Archie's surgery and mine. We know God heard your prayers and concerns, and he answered. Archie is recovering well and I'm doing fine. God bless you all.

Archie & Faye Kennard

To the West Erwin congregation, Our family would like to extend our thanks and gratitude for the lovely plant in remembrance of my husband, Edwin Emmons, Danny Snell's brother. The plant is lovely and is a constant reminder of God's love for his family. Thank you with love,

Beverly Emmons & Family

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### Welcome, New Member!

Evelyn Keaton

218 West 1st St., Tyler, TX 75701

903-617-8815

We welcome you to the West Erwin Family!

### With Sympathy

Services for Ruth Mezell were Tuesday at Stewart Funeral Home. | Fran McCauley, sister of Gary Broome, passed away Sunday, March 28. There will be a memorial at a later date. Our love, prayers & sympathy are with these families.

### Young At Heart

Young at Heart will meet Thursday, April 8 at the West Erwin Family Life Center at 6:00 p.m. It will be a craft show and silent auction. The craft can be anything hand made by you or someone else, which could include wood crafts, leather, jewelry, sewing, knitting, baking, painting, ceramics, etc. The silent auction will use monopoly money capped at \$100.

### Address Correction

Please take note of Jeremy & Jenny Wilson's new address as the city & zip code were incorrect in last week's bulletin: 12461 FM 848, Tyler, TX 75707.



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<b>Bible Class</b>	382	382	429
<b>Worship a.m.</b>	605	617	720
<b>Worship p.m.</b>	411	398	441
<b>Wed. p.m.</b>	358	251	346
<b>Contribution</b>	\$25,141.95	\$27,472.65	\$24,309.04
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	\$27,981.00		

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Jim McDonald Lee Mink  
Tommy McJunkins Jerry Mitchell  
Stuart Means J.D. Mitchell

**EVENING ASSEMBLY AT SHILOH ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST  
5:00 P.M.- LTC CHORUSES PERFORM | 6:00 P.M.- WORSHIP**

**GREETERS**

Charles & Phyllis Rachui & Chandler Cook  
Joe & Connie Roach & Caitlin Cook  
Gaylan & Margie Seagler & Sean Denman  
**Visitor Center:** Curtis & Mary Lu Pruett  
Louise Seaberry

**Pick up cards for 3/28:** Matthew Kimball, Evan Kingsbury, Brayden Kempton, Nicolas Means, Stephen Moore

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**Moments With Mike**

**See You Sunday!**

I want to thank you for the feedback from Sunday's sermons on Betrayal and Denial. Last week I mentioned a 6 lesson series over three weeks on the events of the last week of the life of Jesus. These were the first two in that series. Initially we thought that we were hosting the city wide worship this coming Sunday, but that is to be held at Shiloh instead. So the 6 lesson series is now down to 5.

The remaining lessons will be:

- March 28: AM: Crucified  
PM: (Worship at Shiloh)
- April 4: AM: He Arose  
PM: Never Forget

The lesson that will be omitted from this series was, Without Him, a look at the disciples in the period between the crucifixion of Jesus and the resurrection. Can you imagine what it must have felt like to watch your Savior die on the cross not knowing what would happen next in your life? That's what the disciples were experiencing.

You see, when we are surrounded by other Christians and everything is going as planned, it is really pretty easy to hold to what God wants and live a righteous life. But what about when the support isn't there? What if everything you believed in was suddenly challenged and you were all alone?

I love Sundays. Sundays are great days because we get to worship God and we have the great blessing of being with brothers and sisters. The writer of Hebrews (in Hebrews 10:24-25) also tells us that our time together should be used to stir up love and good works and to exhort (build up) one another. God warns us not to forsake this time of blessing. It is a time for us to give, as well as receive, encouragement and strength.

My batteries are recharged every Sunday and I hope that yours are as well. Being with other Christians is a true joy in life.

Have you ever stopped to think of what your spiritual life would be like if you didn't have a church family with which to worship? What if you didn't have anyone who could sympathize with your struggles and share your burdens? What if no one shared your goal of living righteously and going to heaven? What if no one around wanted your encouragement? That's a sad picture isn't it?

Now, can you imagine your life without Christ? Like the song goes, "Without Him I could do nothing. Without Him I'd surely fail."

I encourage each of us to take every opportunity to be with the bride of Christ and to keep Jesus in our lives.

See you Sunday! Mike

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### LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

Puppets meet on Wednesdays @ 7:00.

Drama will meet Sundays, @ 3:00. All Day practice on March 28 (till 3:00). Lunch will be provided. Please bring \$3.

Chorus meets Sundays @ 4:00. On March 28, Chorus will meet at 3:00.

City Wide Worship Service and LTC Chorus Presentation on Sunday night Mar. 28 at Shiloh Rd. Church of Christ.

Our final meeting and planning session will be Sunday night Mar. 28 after the Area Wide assembly. We will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall at Shiloh. We will settle the bill & finalize plans. We will not be serving a meal that night, so we can finish as early as possible. Please make every effort to be there!

### BIBLE QUIZ

Congratulations to all of our students for a great year at Bible Quiz. You guys learned a lot about 2 Samuel & God taking care of

His people. Thanks to Davy & Sonya Carter for helping this year and to Jeff & Melissa Parrish for covering for me on a few occasions.

### SUMMER DATES

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### Relationship Problems?

By Don Crawford

"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." (Eph 4:2-3)

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen." (Eph 4:29)

"Do not repay evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody." (Rom 12:17)

"Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid

arguments, because you know they produce quarrels. And the Lord's servant must not quarrel; instead, he must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful." (2 Tim. 2:23-24)

"...to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and to show true humility toward all men."

(Titus 3:2)

"Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble." (1 Peter 3:8)

**So, what are you doing wrong? And what are you willing to change to resolve it?**

Ok, Mike, so what's your point? Listen to these words written by the apostle Paul to the Romans:

*<sup>6</sup>We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. <sup>7</sup>If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; <sup>8</sup>if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.*

**Romans 12:6-8**

Our theme for this quarter is **WE Believe in loving God and loving others** based upon **Matthew 22:34-40**. God not only commands us to love Him and to love others, but He has provided us special gifts, specifically suited to us, to help us accomplish this task. Sadly, many of us leave the gift unopened / unused and are never as successful as we could be with God's help.

Celebrate today! Open God's gift for you and use it to brighten someone else's day.

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### Toddler & Nursery Care

Contact Person: Dolores Kennedy bigollid67@yahoo.com 903-882-6513

Co-Leader: Ashley Sustaire spamom@suddenlink.net 903-316-8602

This is a group of volunteers that help in the toddler and nursery classes during worship on Sunday mornings and evenings. Each week, a different person is selected to help in the nursery or in the toddler room. Ladies can specify which area they prefer to volunteer or they can be available for either group of children.

### Thank You

The flowers, calls, cards, hugs and prayers were so comforting to Dale and me at the loss of my brother. Thank you. What would we do without our Christian family? We love you all,

*Dot White*

During a time like this we realize how much our friends and relatives really mean to us. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered.

*The Family of John Shankle*

I cannot thank you enough for the loving concern that you showed me after the passing of my father. The flowers, cards, phone calls and your prayers, meant so much to me. God bless you all.

*Cathy Culpepper*

**Reminder! Sunday evening services will be at Shiloh Road Church of Christ. LTC choruses will perform at 5:00 p.m. then worship will be at 6:00 p.m.**

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### New Address

**Jeremy, Jenny,  
Jerrod & Jaycie Wilson**  
12461 FM 848, Whitehouse, TX 75791  
903-566-6899

Wednesday Night Meal for March 31:  
Italian-Bruno's

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#### EEM Dinner- April 20

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### With Sympathy

Services for **Richard Hamm**, father-in-law of **Judy Hamm**, were Tuesday in Dallas. Our love, prayers and sympathy are with the family.

### Young At Heart

The Young At Heart will be attending the Dallas Summer Musicals Saturday, April 24 at 2:00 p.m. The show is *The Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber*, and will feature songs from *Cats*, *Evita*, *The Phantom of the Opera*, *Sunset Boulevard* and many others. Sign up at the Visitor Center and be watching for more information!



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<b>Bible Class</b>	382	376	456
<b>Worship a.m.</b>	617	605	715
<b>Worship p.m.</b>	398	338	431
<b>Wed. p.m.</b>	251	339	248
<b>Contribution</b>	\$27,472.65	\$25,760.86	\$24,951.42
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	\$27,981.00		

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Prayer Dan Haile  
Scripture Mark Frick  
Dismiss Fred Wingate  
Presiding At The Lord's Table James Hardin

**SERVING COMMUNION**

Mike McClenny Shane Millican  
Jim McDonald Lee Mink  
Tommy McJunkins Jerry Mitchell  
Stuart Means J.D. Mitchell

**5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY**

Prayer Greg Jones  
Scripture Drew Harris  
Dismiss Todd Kempton

**GREETERS**

Wendell & Anita Potter & Brianna Bradshaw  
Kenneth & Evelyn Muncy & Barrett Carter  
Bob & Barbara Paul & Preston Conder  
**Visitor Center:** Jimmie & Carolyn Philpot  
Caddie Niles

**Pick up cards for 3/21-3/28 :** Matthew Kimball, Evan Kingsbury, Brayden Kempton, Nicolas Means, Stephen Moore

**Minibus Driver for Sunday and Wednesday:** Don Ingram  
ph. 903-253-4600. Please call if you need transportation.

**Children's Ministry for 3/21:** Nursery a.m.: Fannie Jackson  
Toddlers a.m.: Jennifer Heath | Toddlers p.m.: Donella Jackson  
Children's Worship: Stephanie Ruddell

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## Moments With Mike

### I Love To Tell The Story

I can still remember the first few Bible studies I did with others. I was nervous. No, check that. I was scared. I knew in my mind what I believed, but I wasn't always sure that what I said would adequately reflect what the other person needed to hear. Thankfully for me, and the others, it was what God said through the Bible and not my words that made the difference.

Being the son of a preacher I had been exposed to gospel lessons all of my life. But hearing these messages is far different from telling these messages. As time continued to pass by I became more and more convinced that I needed to spend more time in telling the story of Jesus and not just listening to it.

And do you know what? I love to tell the story of Jesus. I hope you do as well.

It's amazing how many people in our communities do not really know much about Jesus. Many didn't have the advantage of going to worship and Bible classes as children. Others didn't have parents who taught Bible truths to them. Some only know Jesus through televangelists who seem more concerned with raising contributions than the risen Savior.

And do you know what that means? There is an unbelievable number of people who really need to hear the

real story of Jesus. They need someone who loves to tell that story!

Over the next three weeks I'm planning a series of six sermons focused on the last week of the life of Jesus. While not the only part of His story, these lessons will tell a very important part of this story of love, sacrifice and hope.

Here are the lessons that will be delivered:

- March 21: AM: Betrayal  
PM: Denial
- March 28: AM: Crucified  
PM: Without Him
- April 4: AM: He Arose  
PM: Never Forget

In preparation for these lessons you may want to read through the gospel accounts of the last week in the life of Jesus. Begin with the last supper and read through the resurrection. Spend some time quietly reflecting on how our Lord was willing to endure everything for our sakes.

If the story of Jesus has made a difference in your life—and I know that it has—then shouldn't you love to tell that story so it can change the lives of others?

You don't have to be a preacher to tell the story. But you do need to love telling what you tell.

See you Sunday! Mike

2010 Theme  
*We Believe*

Sermons for March 21, 2010 by Mike Baker  
A.M.: Betrayal (Matt. 26:47-49)  
P.M.: Denial (Luke 22:59-62)  
Tune in to KTBB AM 600 Sundays from 7:30-8:00 a.m.  
for "Our Living Hope."

"The Church With Heart"

## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### THANKS...

Thanks to Cody Mitcham, Stan Clark & Chris Conder for teaching the teen classes this past quarter.

### LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

**Puppets** meet on Wednesdays @ 7:00. All Day practice on March 21. Lunch will be provided. Please bring \$3. **Drama** will meet Sundays, @ 3:00. All Day practice on March 28(till 3:00). Lunch will be provided. Please bring \$3. **Chorus** meets Sundays @ 4:00. On March 28, Chorus will meet at 3:00. **City Wide Worship Service and LTC Chorus Presentation** on Sunday night Mar. 28.

Our final meeting and planning session will be Sunday night Mar. 28 after the evening worship assembly.

### BIBLE QUIZ

The next Bible Quiz will be Monday, Mar. 22 at Shiloh Road from 6:45-7:45. We will go to Braum's after the Quiz and be finished at 8:20. Remember the next quiz will also include the

Super Quiz.

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## Appearances are Deceiving

By Don Crawford

There was anger and frustration in his words as Jesus faced the Jews at the temple. He had healed a man on the Sabbath and they were upset. He said, Moses (actually patriarchs) gave you circumcision and you circumcise a child on the Sabbath. Now, if a child can be circumcised on the Sabbath in order to keep the Law, then why are you angry with me for healing the whole man on the Sabbath? That's when he said, "Stop judging by mere appearances and make a right

judgment" (John 7:24).

After thinking about this statement I rejoiced thinking how glad I am that GOD does not judge me on the basis of my appearance. He judges me according to my heart. I don't always toe-the-line, I don't always make a straight A, I often do what pleases me, I often do the very thing He does not want me to do --- yet He looks at my heart to see the desire inside; my desire to do what is right and my desire to do what pleases Him.

"Above all else guard your heart for it is the well-spring of life." Prov. 4:23

## Growing in Grace by Mike Gravois

How many days had he sat on this porch looking down the same dusty road? The ache in his heart simply would not leave him and he could find no peace. His loss often seemed more than he could bear. Yet, here he sat day after day waiting...waiting...waiting...

There was no reason to continue this hopeless vigil. He was gone. He had taken everything, turned his back, and left. But still this nagging ache in his heart remained. How many days had he sat here looking down the road?

Was that a shadow on the horizon? Images had come and gone and he had gotten his hopes up so many times. But this one seemed to be getting closer. He had been disappointed so many times before and yet he continued this daily routine.

Closer and closer the image came, finally taking on the shape of a man. The man felt his pulse quicken. Could it be? No! He had hoped for so long.

But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him, he ran to his

son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found. So they began to celebrate. Luke 15:20, 22-24

And so the story repeats itself day after day after day as God takes his place on the porch and looks down the road waiting for us to "come to our senses" and come home. Have you been away too long? Come home. God's forgiveness is real. His grace is sufficient. He is preparing a place for us right now.

Thank you Jon Murry and Wayne Berryman for teaching for me while I was away on a mission trip last week. Bless you.

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### Transportation

Contact person: Anita Potter [apcatlover@peoplepc.com](mailto:apcatlover@peoplepc.com)  
903-561-0121

Co-leader: Sara Powell [sfpowell@prodigy.net](mailto:sfpowell@prodigy.net)  
903-593-5229

This group of ladies is available to provide transportation for anyone from West Erwin who is unable to transport themselves to the doctor, grocery store, etc.

## Thank You

Thank you for the cards, phone calls, food and flowers. Your kindness was a great comfort during our recent loss of Norma's mother. We are so blessed to be a part of West Erwin.

Norma and Don Durham

West Erwin Family, Thanks for the prayers, calls, cards, visits and Christian concern for me and my family. It meant so much to know you were there with my family while I was in surgery.

Wanda Frick

We thank you for your kindness and sympathy at a time when it was deeply appreciated.

The M.C. Silvertooth Family

## Prayer Request

Please remember to be praying for those who are incarcerated as well as the people who are involved with our Prison Ministry. The following men have requested that we pray for them: Jeff Smith, Gerald Bourque, Al Cruz, Dante Noriega & Michael Castle.

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J.R. & Sylvia Tharpe

330 FM 315 South  
Chandler, TX 75758 (Use this  
address instead of the P.O. Box.)

Dean Brookshire-903-805-1330



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Wednesday Night Meal for March 24:  
BBQ



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Scripture Alan Fisher  
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Presiding At The Lord's Table Tom Hale

**SERVING COMMUNION**

Ron Lott Joey Marse  
Tyler Lott Phil Marts  
Carroll Magee Glen May  
Stan Mallory Dick McClenny

**5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY**

Prayer David Hammond  
Scripture Dalton Harris  
Dismiss Ralph Henderson

**GREETERS**

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Lee & Camille Mink & Jerrod Wilson  
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Toddlers a.m.: Kristi Harris | Toddlers p.m.: Nerene Ingram  
Children's Worship: Michelle Smith

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**Moments With Mike**

**Just Some Thoughts**

From time to time instead of a full article I just share some unconnected thoughts with you. Such is the case for this week.

- ◆ Can you believe that we are already at the time of year to set our clocks forward an hour? My how the time just seems to keep flying by. Please DON'T FORGET to set your clocks ahead one hour this weekend.
- ◆ This past week we saw the start of spring break for local schools and our smaller attendance numbers reflected a large number of families who are taking advantage of the time to travel out of town. We pray for their safe travels and for their safe return home. Also, please don't forget your contributions when you return.
- ◆ On March 11th our boys turned 19. Talk about how time flies by! It seems like only yesterday we were struggling with car seats and what kind of happy meal toys they wanted. People told us 19 years ago that our time with the boys at home would go by quickly. Now we are starting to understand what they meant. Jonathan and Joseph have been great blessings in our lives and we are so very proud of both of them.
- ◆ Thank you for your prayers and inquiries while I was down with the flu. I'm feeling much better now and

looking forward to enjoying the warmer weather that is soon to be here.

- ◆ Thank you for your comments on last Sunday's message, "OK, So Now What?" Tough times are going to happen to everyone at some point. Our attitudes toward those problems can be the key to overcoming them. Copies of any of the sermons here are available free of charge on CD (contact the office) or online at our web page, www.westerwin.com. Kim Dupree does an excellent job of maintaining that web site for us.
- ◆ Jim Bill McInteer, minister and former president of 21st Century Christian, passed away this past week at the age of 88 in Nashville. He was a true gentleman and one of the best encouragers I've ever met. I still have a letter he sent me when he heard that I had been offered the West Erwin position. He spoke very highly of the church here and reflected on the times that he had been here to speak. He was a friend to all and especially to those who preached. We have lost a great soldier, but we retain his great legacy and example for us to follow.
- ◆ "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain" Phil.1:21.  
See you Sunday! Mike

2010 Theme  
*We Believe*

Sermons for March 14, 2010 by Mike Baker  
A.M.: Good News For Bad Times (2 Cor. 4:7-9)  
P.M.: The Cost Of Immaturity (Eph. 4:14-15)  
Tune in to KTBB AM 600 Sundays from 7:30-8:00 a.m.  
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"The Church With Heart"

## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### THANKS...

Thanks to J & Tresa Jones and Mary Lockhart for helping host the middle school devo this past Sunday night.

### HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the high school group are invited to the devo this coming Sunday night. Please bring \$3 for supper. We will be finished at 8:30.

### LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

Puppets meet on Wednesdays @ 7:00. All Day practice on March 21.

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City Wide Worship Service and LTC Chorus Presentation on Sunday night Mar. 28.

Our final meeting and planning session will be Sunday night Mar. 28 in the FLC.

### BIBLE QUIZ

The next Bible Quiz will be Monday, Mar. 22 at Shiloh Road from 6:45-7:45. We will have a study session on Sunday, Mar. 14.

Plan to eat lunch together and work till 2:30. Remember the next quiz will also include the Super Quiz

### SUMMER DATES

The dates for the summer trips are listed below. All of those going into grades 6-8 are invited to be a part of Middle School Madness. All of those going into grades 9-12 and graduating seniors are invited to be a part of the BackCountry Trek, Nebraska Mission Trip & New Orleans Mission Trip. Those of you going on the mission trips need to be working on your required 20 service hours. We will also have several service project days at the beginning of the summer.

### IMPORTANT DATES

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Mar. 14	High School Devo
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## Original Commitment

By Don Crawford

How does a preacher or a church go about the task of calling people back to their original commitment of following Christ?

This question leads us into the book of Hebrews because the author faced the same task of stimulating and encouraging those who had lost their original commitment. His first step was directed to logic.....Jesus is superior to the angels, Melchizedek, Abraham, and Moses. The sacrifice of Jesus is so much better than the sacrifice of animals because His sacrifice was once for all.

In chapter 12 the author offers us a visual

explanation of what set in place our original commitment. It's a scene of walking into Mount Zion, the New Jerusalem, the heavenly city of GOD. What we discover at the center of the city is what we must keep in focus — it's the blood of Jesus that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. His blood cries out Grace and Mercy for all who believe.

### Clothing Needed for the Center

Men's Clothes  
Children's Clothes  
Thanks for your help!

## Ladies' Involvement Ministry

Each week, we are highlighting a different Ladies' Ministry that you can be involved in. If interested, contact the leader of that ministry.

### Storage Closets with Decorations

Contact person: Connie Sublette 903-561-9294

cksub49@sbcglobal.net

Two closets in the Family Life Center have been designated for the items that are used for decorating for weddings, showers and Young at Heart activities. From time to time the closets need cleaning out and items repaired, replaced, or washed.

## Mabank Lectures

The 24th Annual Mabank Lectures will be April 9-11 at the Mabank Church of Christ and the topic will be "Dangerous 'ISMS,'" which includes materialism, subjectivism, racism and atheism, to name a few. See the flyer on the news & notes bulletin board by the Small Auditorium.

## Thank You

On Feb. 16 I had a kidney surgery and then on Feb. 19 I had back surgery. I still have more kidney procedures upcoming over the next few months. Thank you for all the prayers and cards. It is so comforting and healing to have the love and concern of your church family.

Joe Elerson

Dear Christian Family, It is hard to express how much we appreciate the beautiful flowers sent to John's service, the many cards, food and especially your prayers. Our hearts are heavy, but we know we are blessed with a church family that is always there for us. God bless all of you.

The Shankle Family- Winona, Carol & Christie

Thank you to all the ladies that have given us gifts for my baby shower. It is a huge blessing to us and our family to have people that care so much about us. We greatly appreciate everything that has been done for us.

Levi & Linda Benitez



Remember to set your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed Saturday night!

## New Baby

Congratulations to Levi & Linda Benitez on the birth of their son, Aaron Israel. He was born March 1 and was 7 lbs., 13 oz. and 20.5 inches long. Israel & Martha Sandoval are the proud grandparents. Welcome to the family, Aaron!

## Day Camp at Camp Deer Run

It is time to register your Pee Wee for Camp Deer Run Day camp this summer. Pee Wees are ages 5-8. West Erwin kids are going to Session 4: June 28 through July 1. Please see Nancy Crawford before March 15 to register.

## Save the date!

The Eastern European Mission Annual Dinner will be Tuesday, April 20, at KE Bushman's, 1565 FM 2493 East at HWY 69 South in Bullard from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. More information coming soon!

## With Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to Norma Durham on the loss of her mother, Rheba Burgess. Services were Tuesday at Newcastle Cemetery in Olney, Texas.

## Wednesday Night Meal

If you sign up for the Wednesday Night Meal, please let the church office know by Monday if you will not be able to attend so that the correct amount of food will be ordered. We have had a large amount of people sign up for the meal, and a small amount show up for the meal, which means lots of leftover food that has to be paid for. Thanks for your cooperation!

## Train Up a Child...

Save the date for Saturday, April 17 for the "Train Up a Child" Workshop at Holly Lake Church of Christ featuring Lahoma Cox, an experienced teacher of 50 years. If you are a mother, grandmother, teacher, friend or neighbor of a child, this workshop is for you! Registration is at 8:30 a.m., class begins at 9:00 and lunch is served at noon. See the flyer on the news & notes bulletin board by the Small Auditorium.

Wednesday Night Meal for March 17:  
Burgers & Fries

## Growing in Grace by Mike Gravois

Make plans now to attend one of our Bible classes on Sunday and Wednesday!

### Spring Sunday Adult Bible Class Schedule

### Spring Wed. Adult Bible Class Schedule

- ◆ College/Young Pros- 1 Corinthians- Bill Mullins
- ◆ Young Marrieds- "Welcome to the Lifeboat"- Ray Vannoy
- ◆ FLC- "Love is..." The Ministry of Jesus- Mike Gravois
- ◆ Benevolence Center - "God's Purpose for Me" 1 John- Don Crawford
- ◆ Room 112 - Prison Epistles - Paul Montandon
- ◆ Small Auditorium- Proverbs- Mike Baker
- ◆ Room 403- 1 John- Jim Boyd
- ◆ Heritage Room- Teachings of Jesus- Ira Wilson
- ◆ Auditorium- "Paul's Indispensable Trinity" Faith, Hope & Charity- Forest McFadden
- ◆ Hispanic Class Room 303- Israel Sandoval

- ◆ College- Greg Jones
- ◆ Singing Class- Larry Murphey
- ◆ Small Auditorium- 1 & 2 Thessalonians- Mike Baker
- ◆ Men's Class- "12 Godly Men" Minor Prophets- Mike Gravois
- ◆ Women's Class- Psalms- Shelia Lewis
- ◆ Hispanic Class Room 303- Israel Sandoval



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Records	Sunday- Feb. 28	Sunday- Feb. 21	Year Ago
Bible Class	420	414	465
Worship a.m.	675	631	733
Worship p.m.	411	424	325
Wed. p.m.	327	316	357
Contribution	\$23,954.63	\$25,148.54	\$36,026.96
Weekly Budget	\$27,981.00		

**Updates:** Amanda Ables, granddaughter-in-law of Arnold & Agnes, is hospitalized at ETMC with H1N1 and double pneumonia. | Darrell & Nell Beard's cousin, Macy, survived a 12 hour brain surgery, but will continue to have the team of research doctors searching to determine the cause of her problems. | Betty Boles, mother of Judy Hamm, is at ETMC. | Melvin Crow is at Health South. | Wanda Frick's tumor was benign, but she is at MFH with nausea problems. | K. Max Haws is at Pavillion Rehab in Mansfield. | Archie Kennard is now at Waterton. | Kalli Huff is back at UTHSC. | Mary Hunt is at MFH. | Wanda McCune, daughter-in-law of Carolyn, is now home after surgery for a chainsaw accident. | Bob May is at Colonial Manor, room 325. | Carol Morgan got a good report and is free of cancer. | Kathleen Nowell is doing well after hip surgery. | Ellen Poindexter, mother of Kenna Kempton, is at MFH Continue Care, room 424. | Steve Suggs, brother of Stuart, had cancer surgery Feb. 24 and surgery revealed more cancer than what was expected. **West Erwin Family** Armondo Alaniz | Deloris Bundy | Wini Cullinan | Joe Elerson | Peggy Garner | Mary McFadden | Ruth Meazell | Emma Morgan | Bettye Price | Tommy Price | Molly Lou Terry *Onqoina concerns:* Johnny Anders | Darrell & Nell Beard | Delle Bullard | Milburn Cook | Kalli Huff | Warren Gray | Dub & Opal Mathews | Penny & Wade McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | Maxine Ray | George Richardson | Liz Rogers | Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods **Family & Friends** Brett Finley (cancer), son-in-law of the Womacks | Earl O'Quinn, brother-in-law of Matt Haws | Chris Obermeyer, nephew of Elaine Fisk | Lloyd Hebert & Charles Roberts, friends of the Cawyers | Lou Jarrett (lung cancer), uncle of Rebekah Carnathan

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June-Aug 6:00 P.M.	
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Presiding At The Lord's Table Chuck Gillam

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Ron Lott Joey Marse  
Tyler Lott Phil Marts  
Carroll Magee Glen May  
Stan Mallory Dick McClenny

**5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY**

Prayer Lon Gibson  
Scripture Cody Frick  
Dismiss Ernie Gordon

**GREETERS**

Odie & Dolores Kennedy & Grace Weathers  
Melvin & Donna Maples & Will Weathers  
Joey & Mindy Marse & Wendy Weathers  
**Visitor Center:** Phil & Linda Marts  
Elmer & Nila Miles

**Pick up cards for 3/7 & 3/14 :** Matthew Christian, Keaton Conder, Caleb DuPree, Nicolas Means, Colton Haile

**Minibus Driver for Sunday and Wednesday:** Don Ingram  
ph. 903-253-4600. **Please call if you need transportation.**

**Children's Ministry for 3/7:**Nursery a.m.: Sharon Gordon  
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Children's Worship: George & Crystal Hill

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## Moments With Mike

The TV show "Survivor" has been around for over 10 years and is currently in its 20th season. To be honest, I've never watched an episode all the way through. The format of the show never appealed to me. The object was to be the sole survivor of a group marooned in a desolate location. The threats to survival were found in other cast members as much as in the elements they faced.

Frankly, I'd much rather look for a solution that allows everyone to survive. But then that wouldn't make good television I suppose.

The desire to survive is very strong. This past week I've been struggling with the flu. I don't like being sick. With the help of a doctor and a few medications, I've been able to survive the physical setbacks and I'm on my way to recovery. As much as I hated to slow down, rest, take the medications, etc., I knew that if I wanted to survive I would need to do those things.

I'm also a part of an email group of West Nile Virus survivors. We exchange our stories, discoveries, fears and hopes with one another. Having survived that illness provides us with a kinship of sorts. Fellow survivors relate to one another.

This Sunday, March 7th, we will be handing out purple ribbons to our attendees who are cancer survivors.

## Survivors

Don Crawford will have a table in the lobby and we encourage all cancer survivors to go there and sign up and receive your purple survivor ribbon. We will also acknowledge our survivors at the start of our morning service.

The mere mention of the word cancer strikes fear in the minds of many. Great progress has been made over the years and treatments and medications can halt or cure many cancers. Better yet, our understanding of how cancer occurs has helped us to avoid activities that would expose us to this deadly disease. But cancer still exists and still claims the lives of many in our time.

This Sunday morning's lesson will be geared toward how we can face any adversary in life (like cancer) and how we can look to God for ways to survive it. I hope you will make your plans to be here.

My sincere thanks go to Paul Montandon and Stan Mallory who taught my classes and to Don Crawford who preached on Sunday evening. I really appreciate these men and their ability and willingness to step in and help when I was unable to go on. Thanks, fellows.

"For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us" Rom. 8:18 See you Sunday! Mike

2010 Theme  
*We Believe*

Sermons for March 7, 2010 by Mike Baker  
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P.M.: Going To School (Phil. 4:11)  
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"The Church With Heart"

## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### THANKS...

Thanks to Mark & Melissa Frick, Mike & Nora Gravois, Marsha Richardson & Shaun Stamps for helping host the Area Wide High School activity this past Sunday night. We had a great time with teens from Henderson, Kilgore, Longview & Tyler here at West Erwin.

### KARING KITCHEN

Thanks to all who help with the Karing Kitchen Ministry. We always have a good turnout of folks willing to serve. Bless you for that! West Erwin will host again on April 19, June 7 & 28, Aug. 23 & Oct. 4.

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## Make GOD Smile

By Don Crawford

My new favorite bumper sticker: "Want to make GOD laugh — tell Him your plans." How often we forget GOD is in control, we are not. For some, the very idea of GOD laughing sounds sacrilegious and completely out of character. But, I believe GOD smiles.

The prophet Jeremiah (Jer. 9) lets us know who GOD is and what He is like. He says (:24) GOD delights in three things: Kindness, Justice, and Righteousness. The fact that He delights in these things means He takes pleasure in them. If you and I claim to know GOD we would know what makes Him smile.

GOD does not love because He has to, but because He wants to. Justice and righteousness are part of His character, but more than that, kindness, justice and righteousness are characteristics that make Him smile wherever He finds them. And when we reflect these characteristics, knowing GOD is smiling, it makes us want to smile too.

### Cancer Survivors

Do not forget to sign-up at the table in the foyer and pick up your Purple Ribbon.

## Growing in Grace by Mike Gravois

The 2010 Theme for the West Erwin Church of Christ is **WE Believe**. The letters in the word **WE** stand for *West Erwin*. The staff and elders worked together to answer the question, "Just what does *West Erwin* believe?" Join us as we open God's Word and explore what **WE Believe**.

For the 2010 Spring Quarter we wanted to address the primary topic of what **WE Believe**. The answer is found in *Matthew 22: 34-40*.

*Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. One of them, an expert in the law, tested Him with this question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"*

*Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."*

As we begin our new Bible classes this week, find one that appeals to you and come join us as we explore God's Word and apply it to our lives today.

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**VBS Update:** The kit for this year's VBS has been ordered. We are planning a one day Marketplace type VBS. Our theme will be *Egypt: Joseph From Prison to Palace*. We will create *Egypt* in our Family Life Center and hopefully bring these lessons to life in the hearts of our children. Please plan to join us for our next organizational meeting.

## Ladies' Involvement Ministry

Each week, we are highlighting a different Ladies' Ministry that you can be involved in. If interested, contact the leader of that ministry.

### Wedding Showers

Contact person: Debbie Bynum agmamad@myfam.com 903-839-3133

Co-leader: Donna Mullins nonnamull@mac.com 903-894-6191

Members or member's children who grew up at West Erwin will be given an all church bridal shower for their first marriage. These are held in a home or the parlor. Other types of showers are: **Table Showers**- A decorated wedding table is set in the foyer, the wedding is announced in the bulletin and presents are left on the table. Showers might also be given by **Bible Classes** or **Small Groups**. If you are planning a shower, please schedule the date with the church office. Leave details early so that they may be put in the bulletin each of the two weeks prior to the shower date. Allow for mailings during holidays.

## Thank You

Thank you for loving our family! The wedding shower you gave for Brice and Sarah was overwhelming! You are such kind and giving people. We are blessed to be a part of this wonderful church. Love,

*Sonja, Davy & Brice Carter  
and Sarah Cummings*

Thank you for all the kindnesses shown me during my surgeries. I love and appreciate my church family.

*Peggy Garner*

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## Young At Heart

Young at Heart will meet Thursday, March 11 at 6:00 p.m. at the West Erwin Family Life Center. Our entertainment will be classical guitar music by **Bryce Murry**. Please make plans now to join us!

No Wednesday Night Meal March 10.

## Welcome, New Member!

Linda & Lance Marshall & Perri

15770 N Peninsula, Whitehouse, TX 75791

903.705.1501 | perrismom@nctv.com

*We welcome you to the West Erwin family!*

## Clothing Needed

The Benevolence Center is in need of clothing! So clean out your closets and donate it to those in need. The Center is open Tuesday & Thursday from 9 a.m.-11:00 a.m., or if those drop off times are not convenient for you, there is a drop box in the back of the building for bagged items.

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## With Sympathy

Services for **Johnny Shankle**, son of Winona Shankle and uncle of Miranda Conder, were Thursday at Hillcrest Church of Christ in Abilene. | Services for **M. C. Silvertooth**, brother of Ruth Moore, were at London Baptist Church on Thursday. | Services for **Johnny Williams**, uncle of Howard Dickson, were Friday in Winnie, Texas. Our love, prayers and sympathy are with these families.

## Ladies Symposium

The Church of Christ on Greenville Avenue is hosting their 25th Annual Adolescent and Ladies Symposium for ladies age 9 and up, Saturday, May 1 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at 1010 South Greenville Avenue, Richardson, TX 75081. Contact the church office for a copy of the registration form at 903.592.0809 or office@westerwin.org.



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Records	Sunday- Feb. 21	Sunday- Feb. 14	Year Ago
Bible Class	414	401	489
Worship a.m.	631	611	744
Worship p.m.	424	385	462
Wed. p.m.	316	327	350
Contribution	\$25,148.54	\$23,690.46	\$25,018.38
Weekly Budget	\$27,981.00		

**Prayer & Care Updates:** Betty Boles, mother of Judy Hamm, is in ICU at ETMC. | **Melvin Crow** had knee replacement surgery Feb. 23 at MFH. | **Wanda Frick** had surgery Feb. 22 at MFH and is doing well. | **Peggy Garner** had another procedure on her back Feb. 23 at MFH. | **K. Max Haws** is hospitalized in Mansfield with an ulcer. | **Dick Higginbotham** is now home. | **Kalli Huff** is now home. She will remain on the 3 IV antibiotics for probably 2 more weeks. | **Mary Hunt** is at MFH. | **Archie Kennard** is now at Waterton. | **Bob May** is at Colonial Manor, room 325. | **Carol Morgan** has completed her chemo treatments and was scheduled to have a PET scan Feb. 25. | **Ellen Poindexter**, mother of Kenna Kempton, has been moved to MFH Continue Care, room 424. | **Tommy Price** was scheduled to have full spinal MRIs on Feb. 26 at Spine and Joint. Please pray this will reveal the source of her pain she has experienced since July. This is the last option she has. | **Terry Jackson, Sr.**, is at Health South. | **M.C. Silvertooth**, brother of Ruth Moore, is in critical condition at ETMC. | **Steve Suggs**, brother of Stuart, had cancer surgery Feb. 24. | **The Sustaire Family** has left for California for testing that will determine if **Brice** will be able to undergo a new treatment for MD. **West Erwin Family**: Armondo Alaniz | Deloris Bundy | Wini Cullinan | Joe Elerson | Mary McFadden | Ruth Meazell | Emma Morgan | Bettye Price | Molly Lou Terry *Ongoing concerns*: Johnny Anders | Darrell & Nell Beard | Delle Bullard | Milburn Cook | Kalli Huff | Warren Gray | Dub & Opal Mathews | Penny & Wade McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | Maxine Ray | George Richardson | Liz Rogers | Judy Smith | Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods **Family & Friends** **Earl O'Quinn**, brother-in-law of Matt Haws

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Scripture: Dan Cullinan  
Dismiss: James Sublette  
Presiding At The Lord's Table: Daniel DuPree

**SERVING COMMUNION**

Todd Kempton: Marc Lemons  
Joel Knox: Pete Leung  
Garland Latham: Clifton Lindsey  
Robert Lee: Brandon Lott

**5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY**

Prayer: Bobby Dingler  
Scripture: Harold Denman  
Dismiss: Don Durham

**GREETERS**

J & Tresa Jones & Maselyn Walker  
Louis & Jane Jones & Caroline Weathers  
Lee & Janice Kellenberger & Katherine Weathers  
**Visitor Center:** Paul & Shelia Lewis  
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**Pick up cards for 2/28:** Grant Perkins, Corey Prestidge,  
Austin Millican, Isaac Millican, Matthew Christian

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**Moments With Mike**

**North Tenneha**

Last Sunday Morning it was my privilege to preach for the brethren at North Tenneha as a part of their 75th anniversary celebration. As I mentioned last week, the West Erwin congregation had a part in helping to start North Tenneha back in 1935.

The services of Marshall Keeble were secured for a three week meeting which ended on September 8, 1935. During that time some 55 baptisms were recorded along with 12 restorations. Within a year the young church had increased to over 100 members. They have continued to grow spiritually and numerically over the years and we commend their efforts for the work of the Lord.

At the end of the service Sunday morning, Artis Newsome, one of their elders, presented a plaque to the West Erwin congregation in recognition of our part in their history. Here is what that plaque said.

**NORTH TENNEHA**  
**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
1935-2010  
**75 YEARS OF CHANGING LIVES**  
**AND RENEWING HEARTS**

**"And so were the churches established in the faith,  
And increased in number daily." Acts 16:5**

**Presented to**  
**West Erwin Church of Christ**  
**For its spiritual foresight in 1935 to establish**  
**a mission church in North Tyler on Moore Street.**  
**That mission church is now located at**  
**1701 North Tenneha Avenue, Tyler, Texas.**

**The North Tenneha Church of Christ appreciates**  
**West Erwin's part in our history.**

**February 21, 2010.**

One of the great things about sowing the seeds of the kingdom of God is that you never know just how large the eventual harvest will be. Many people sowed seed 75 years ago never knowing just how many would be affected by it in the future.

Friends, may we all continue to share the gospel frequently and pray for all of our fellow-laborers.  
See you Sunday! Mike

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny

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### KARING KITCHEN

West Erwin will host the Karing Kitchen this coming Monday night. We always need help to prepare, serve and just visit with folks. If you would be interested in helping, be there by 5:00. We serve at 6:00.

### LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

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Puppets meet on Wednesdays @ 7:00.

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### BIBLE QUIZ

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New Orleans Mission Trip

### Paint Tyler Purple

Painting Tyler Purple is The American Cancer Society's effort to honor cancer survivors. It will take place Sunday, March 7th and will be followed with other activities in April. Be watching for it and how you can participate.

### "Thy will be done"

C.S. Lewis says, "There are only two kinds of people in the end; those who say to GOD, "Thy will be done" and those to whom GOD says, in the end, "Thy will be done." Please give a few minutes to think through these two phrases.

Our world teaches us to base our identity on who we are, how we look, what we have, what we do, and how well we perform. It's all about us!

The Bible says it's not about us. It's not about what I can do for GOD. It's all about what GOD has done for me. I belong to HIM. HE lives in me. My sins are nailed to the cross. My name is written in the Lamb's book of life. I didn't do any of that -- GOD did it all for me. Praise His Name!

Eternity won't be long enough for us to learn all GOD has done for us and to praise Him for it.

Don Crawford

### Growing in Grace by Mike Gravois

Thanks to everyone who attended our VBS planning Meeting. Our theme this year will be "Egypt: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace," and will be a one day, marketplace VBS. Look for more details very soon!

### New Quarter Sunday Adult Bible Class Schedule

- ◆ College/Young Pros- 1 Corinthians- Bill Mullins
- ◆ Young Marrieds- "Welcome to the Lifeboat"- Ray Vannoy
- ◆ FLC- "Love is..." The Ministry of Jesus- Mike Gravois
- ◆ Benevolence Center - "God's Purpose for Me" 1 John- Don Crawford
- ◆ Room 112 - Prison Epistles - Paul Montandon
- ◆ Small Auditorium- Proverbs- Mike Baker
- ◆ Room 403- 1 John- Jim Boyd
- ◆ Heritage Room- Teachings of Jesus- Ira Wilson
- ◆ Auditorium- "Paul's Indispensable Trinity" Faith, Hope & Charity- Forest McFadden
- ◆ Hispanic Class Room 303- Israel Sandoval

### New Quarter Wed. Adult Bible Class Schedule

- ◆ College- Greg Jones
- ◆ Singing Class- Larry Murphey
- ◆ Small Auditorium- 1 & 2 Thessalonians- Mike Baker
- ◆ Men's Class- "12 Godly Men" Minor Prophets- Mike Gravois
- ◆ Women's Class- Psalms- Shelia Lewis
- ◆ Hispanic Class Room 303- Israel Sandoval

Make plans now to attend one of our Bible classes on Sunday and Wednesday!

## Ladies' Involvement Ministry

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### Baby Showers

Contact person: Pam Lott [pamlott57@yahoo.com](mailto:pamlott57@yahoo.com) 903-561-2490

Co-leader: Carla Baker [carlabaker@att.net](mailto:carlabaker@att.net) 903-581-7222

West Erwin would like to see that all present members having their first babies at West Erwin have a shower. Second and third babies will be honored with a Basket Shower. An announcement will be placed in the bulletin that the baby has arrived, and gifts may be placed in the bassinet in the foyer.

### Thank You

West Erwin Church,

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers, calls and cards during this difficult time. We are so blessed to have such a loving church family. In Him,

Margie & Gaylan Seagler

West Erwin Church of Christ,

Thank you for the flowers sent in honor of our mother, Rosa Bailey. Heaven has another angel.

The Bailey Family

To our family at West Erwin,

Thank you for all the cards & prayers you gave our family during my father's illness and death. We are so grateful to have Christian friends around us. In Him,

David & Tammy Asbill

### With Sympathy

Bill Russell, grandfather of Will & Wendy Weathers, passed away last Friday in Garland. | Services for Sue Brown, sister-in-law of Alice Thompson, were this week in Troup. Our love and prayers are with the family.

### Save the date!

The Eastern European Mission Annual Dinner will be Tuesday, April 20, at KE Bushman's, 1565 FM 2493 East at HWY 69 South in Bullard from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. More information coming soon!

### Young At Heart

Young at Heart will meet Thursday, March 11 at 6:00 p.m. at the West Erwin Family Life Center. Our entertainment will be classical guitar music by Bryce Murry. Please make plans now to join us!

### Day Camp at Camp Deer Run

It is time to register your Pee Wee for Camp Deer Run Day camp this summer. Pee Wees are ages 5-8. West Erwin kids are going to Session 4: June 28-July 1. Please see Nancy Crawford to register before March 15.

Wednesday Night Meal for March 3:  
Mexican Food

## Little People's School

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### Cookie Dough Fundraiser

If you would like to support the West Erwin Playschool, the spring cookie dough fundraiser is underway! It ends March 2 and delivery will be March 23. Anyone interested may contact Kim DuPree or one of the WEPS teachers. The playschool thanks you for your support!

### A Special Need

Jenny Ross Bizaillion, who we have all been praying for, passed away Monday afternoon. This young family has no medical insurance and the bills are astounding. The elders will be sending a contribution to help in defraying some of the costs. If you would like to participate in this contact the church office for information.

James Sublette, for the elders

To donate online to the Bazaillion/Ross family, go to [www.greggpearson.org](http://www.greggpearson.org), click on "donate." Towards the end of the donation process, click on "special instructions" and type "Jenny Bizaillion." All money donated will be given to the family.

### Clothing Needed

The Benevolence Center is in need of clothing! So clean out your closets and donate it to those in need. The Center is open Tuesday & Thursday from 9 a.m.-11:00 a.m., or if those drop off times are not convenient for you, there is a drop box in the back of the building for bagged items.

### New Babies

Elijah Nicolas Giaccardi was born February 14 to Enrique & Lauren in Austin. Elijah was 6 lbs., 6 oz. and 19.5" long. The proud grandparents are Jeff & Pam Fennell and the proud uncle and aunt are Patrick & McKenzie. Congratulations!



Audrey Kay Baker was born February 21 to Andy & Kathryn Baker. She was 8 lbs. 1 oz. and was 21" long. Kay Baker is the proud grandmother. Congratulations on the new baby!



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Records	Sunday- Feb. 14	Sunday- Feb. 7	Year Ago
Bible Class	401	427	443
Worship a.m.	611	690	671
Worship p.m.	385	NC	419
Wed. p.m.	327	352	326
Contribution	\$23,690.46	\$27,255.64	\$23,353.81
Weekly Budget	\$27,981.00		

**Prayer & Care Updates:** Armondo Alaniz, one of our missionaries, was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer which is inoperable. He will undergo chemotherapy. | Nell Beard's cousin, 16 year old Macy, had rare brain surgery in Childrens' Hospital in Houston 2/15. | Betty Boles, mother of Judy Hamm, is in ICU at ETMC. | Deloris Bundy fell and has a fracture on her left ankle. She's now home. | Ed Emmons, brother of Danny Snell, is on a ventilator in San Antonio. | Wanda Frick's surgery has been set for February 22 at 9:30 at Mother Frances Hospital. | Peggy Garner had back surgery Feb. 17 at MFH. | Homer Harris, a 94-year-old preacher of 76 years, will have an aneurysm removed at ETMC at 6 A.M. on Thursday the 18th. | Dick Higginbotham is at MFH, room 376. | Kalli Huff is at UTHSC with bacterial pneumonia. | Archie Kennard had leg surgery at Spine and Joint Hospital on February 17. | Bob May is at Colonial Manor, room 325. | Kenneth Muncy is now home. | Tests for Earl O'Quinn (brother-in-law of Matt Haws) are being done on his throat. | Ellen Poindexter, mother of Kenna Kempton is at MFH, room 4432. | Mary Hunt is now home. | Terry Jackson, Sr., is at Health South. | Sylvia Tharpe, will have a cornea transplant in Dallas that is not yet scheduled. **West Erwin Family** Deloris Bundy | Charlotte Cawyer | Wini Cullinan | Joe Elerson | Mary McFadden | Ruth Meazell | Carol Morgan | Emma Morgan | Bettye Price | Tommy Price | Molly Lou Terry *Ongoing concerns:* Johnny Anders | Darrell & Nell Beard | Delle Bullard | Milburn Cook | Kalli Huff | Warren Gray | Dub & Opal Mathews | Penny & Wade McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | Maxine Ray | George Richardson | Liz Rogers | Judy Smith | Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods **Family & Friends** Jenny Ross Bizaillion, friend of the Sublettes

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Joel Knox Pete Leung  
Garland Latham Clifton Lindsey  
Robert Lee Brandon Lott

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Prayer Don Crowder  
Scripture Clinton Culpepper  
Dismiss Ken Culpepper

**GREETERS**

Gary & Janis Heath & Brice Sustaire  
George & Crystal Hill & Ashley Sustaire  
Roger & Glenda Howell & Calley Waggonner  
**Visitor Center:** James & Sue Hughes  
Greg & Debbie Jones

**Pick up cards for 2/21 & 2/28 :** Grant Perkins, Corey Prestidge, Austin Millican, Isaac Millican, Matthew Christian

**Minibus Driver for Sunday and Wednesday:** Don Ingram  
ph. 903-253-4600. **Please call if you need transportation**

**Children's Ministry for 2/21:** Nursery a.m.: Rachel Dingler  
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**Moments With Mike**

**Brotherhood**

In our years of marriage together, Carla and I have had the privilege to know Christians from many parts of the world. Both of us were reared in the church and were a part of very active families in the church. As a result, we also became very active in the local congregations where we worshipped.

When we travel we find places to worship and discover a bond with the people there. They too are a part of the brotherhood, the body of Christ, fellow Christians.

Many of our members here travel frequently and can also attest to finding kinship in other states through our ties to Christ. There is a wonderful feeling of comfort and love when we walk into an unfamiliar assembly and know that the people there have obeyed the same gospel as we have obeyed.

Peter puts it this way in 1 Peter 2:17. "Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king."

Love for our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ can take various forms. There is the outward show of love in acknowledging one another. There is the demonstration of support and assistance in times of sickness and need. There is also the love shown through patience, correction and forgiveness.

Seventy-five years ago the North Tenneha

congregation was formed here in Tyler. Along the years, the West Erwin congregation has assisted that church when there was a need. We are brothers in Christ, a part of the brotherhood of believers. We love one another.

This Sunday I have been asked to present the sermon for the morning worship at North Tenneha. Following the worship they will be recognizing West Erwin for our part in their history. In fact, they have several events planned throughout the year to celebrate their 75 years as a congregation.

Marshall Keeble held an open-air meeting in Tyler in 1935 and 60 people were baptized. A few of these individuals are still active members at North Tenneha.

We commend the North Tenneha church on their love for the Lord, their respect for their history and their vision of the future. We also commend them for their love of the brotherhood.

See you Sunday! Mike

Change of address: Our new address is 1408 Woodbridge Drive, Tyler, TX 75703. With the move we decided to not continue with a home phone, but instead just use our cell phones. Mike: 903-330-6053. Carla: 903-330-6063. Jonathan: 903-330-6069.

2010 Theme  
*We Believe*

Sermons for February 21, 2010:  
A.M.: Guest Speaker: Doug Reeves & Sammy Flanary  
P.M.: Access To Forgiveness (2 Cor. 2: 6-8)  
Tune in to KTBB AM 600 Sundays from 7:30-8:00 a.m.  
for *"Our Living Hope."*

"The Church With Heart"

## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### THOUGHTS...

This week has been a challenge for me and my family. My brother has been in ICU in San Antonio and I have been with my them since Sunday. I am constantly reminded how much you, my church family, mean to me. Your constant prayers and messages of encouragement have been a real blessing. Thank you for always being there for us.

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## The Lord is My Shepherd

By Don Crawford

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible — Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the chapter. Little Ricky was excited about the task, but he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line. On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Ricky was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, "The Lord is my Shepherd,

and that's all I need to know."

It's no accident that GOD has chosen to call us sheep. Nor was it coincidental that the incarnate GOD came to this earth to say, "I am the good Shepherd."

David, the writer of Psalm 23 and a shepherd himself, actually wrote these words as a sheep. And his words are filled with such a sense of admiration. It was like he was saying, "Under some shepherds the sheep struggle, and suffer endless hardships. Not so with my Shepherd. I am contended and unafraid."

The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know."

## Growing in Grace by Mike Gravois

*"Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see."  
Hebrews 11:1*

What an opening line! At first glance we are not sure what the author is about to say next, but it has to be good.

As we meet the characters in this unfolding chapter, we are moved by the faith of each one. Their faith is evidenced by the choices they made in daily, sometimes desperate situations. Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham reads like a role call of the faithful Hall of Fame members, but what motivated them?

*"All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance. And they admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth. People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return, Instead they were longing for a better country — a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them."  
Hebrews 11:13-16*

There it is. What makes a person a Hero of Faith? It is where they are heading. To a city prepared for them by God. It's not on a map, but we know the way. Follow the path left by the Savior. He will lead you home. Where will your journey take you today?

## Ladies' Involvement Ministry

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### Retreats

Contact Person: Gail Vannoy gailvannoy@hotmail.com 903-574-5550  
Co leader: Ginny Wicks ginnywicks@prodigy.net 903-534-9568  
Food planning: Carolyn Philpot jcphilpot37@juno.com 903-882-6938  
Retreats are planned for the spring each or every other year. The purpose of the retreat is to have a time of fellowship and spiritual growth among our women in an atmosphere away from their daily activities.

## East Texas Christian Academy

The time has arrived once again for the opportunity to support Christian education by participating in the annual ETCA Charity Auction. The theme this year is "Boots, Spurs & Buckaroos." The event will be held February 27, 2010 at the ETCA Gymnasium located at 2448 Roy Road. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. More details will be following, however, if you would like information regarding tickets, see Sharon Beaver, Mike Gravois or contact ETCA directly at 903-561-8642.



Words cannot fully express our appreciation for your cards, visits and words of comfort during our loss of Stan's sister, Rosa Mallory Bailey. Rosa was a faithful member of the Lord's Church in Canton. The flowers sent by our West Erwin family were beautiful.

Ernestine & Stan Mallory

Thank each of you, the elders, Ladies Class and Young At Heart for the cards in the loss of my brother and the wishes for D.L.'s health. We appreciate so much the prayers, calls, visits and good food. Our love,

D.L. & Alice Thompson

## With Sympathy

Services for **Bill Willoughby**, uncle of Carla Baker, were Friday in Atlanta. | **Lehman Fann**, father of Tammy Asbill, passed away last Friday. | Services for **J. B. McLean**, father of Margie Seagler, were Wednesday at George Price Funeral Home in Levelland. | **C.O. Pirtle**, father of Cathy Culpepper, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 16. A private family funeral was held Wednesday. Our love, prayers and sympathy are with these families.

Wednesday Night Meal for Feb. 24:  
Italian- Bruno's

## Sweetheart Banquet

You are cordially invited to attend North Tenneha Church of Christ's Sweetheart Banquet on Feb. 27 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Holiday-Inn South Broadway in Tyler. The theme is "Unity: When Two Become One." The speaker is Brother Kaffee Andrews. The registration fee is \$40.00 per couple and the deadline to register is Feb. 14. Please contact Lamont Davis at 903.825.3007 or Te'Juan Hewitt at 903.534.1030 for more information.

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## Missionaries to Speak Sunday

Sammy Flanary & Doug Reeves have a combined experience of almost 30 years of evangelistic outreach to the former Soviet Union. This Sunday, Feb. 21, they look forward to sharing some exciting news about the Lord's work in Barnaul, Russia.

Ladies are invited to a Bridal Shower honoring *Sarah Cummings* Bride-elect of Brice Carter, son of Davy & Sonja Carter Sunday, February 21 West Erwin FLC 3:00-4:30 p.m. Selections at Bed Bath & Beyond, Target & Dillard's Please note: the home/event state on their registry may say Tennessee or Arkansas.



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Scripture: Terrence Ates  
Dismiss: Phil Marts  
Presiding At The Lord's Table: Will Christian

**SERVING COMMUNION**

Curt Jordan: Todd Kempton  
Jared Jordan: Odie Kennedy  
Lee Kellenberger: Dennis Kingsbury  
Matt Kelly: Clay Kinser

**5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY**

Prayer: Corey Coleman  
Scripture: Barry Ciaschini  
Dismiss: Tom Cook

**GREETERS**

Sonny & Sharon Hale & Scott Hackett & Caylee Stamps  
Tom & Beverly Hale & Cade Suggs  
James & Ann Hardin & Cassidy Suggs  
Visitor Center: Charles & Bettye Sue Harris  
Mike & Kristi Harris

Pick up cards for 2/14: Matthew Kimball, Evan Kingsbury, Brayden Kempton, Nicolas Means, Stephen Moore

Sound Booth- 2/14: Todd Kempton & Daniel DuPree

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Children's Worship: Jeanie & Terrence Ates

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**Moments With Mike**

**I Love You**

Valentine's Day is just around the corner and all kinds of advertisers are promoting their ways for you to say "I love you." Much of this advertising is focused on husbands reminding us to get a gift for this special day.

Some say if you really want your wife to know that you love her, you need to order their product. Others stress that if you spend enough money then she will really know that you love her.

Now, I'm certainly not against making these purchases. In fact, I'm all in favor of exchanging gifts, especially the chocolate ones. But spouses should be sending these messages of love to one another frequently, not just at special times in the year.

There are many ways to say "I love you" to your spouse. The most obvious is to simply say it, and say it at least once a day.

Don't be like the old married couple in counseling after 50 years of marriage. When asked why the old man didn't say "I love you" to his wife, he responded, "I said I loved her when we got married. If anything changes, I'll let her know." Ouch. That's not a good pattern to follow.

Paul said, "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave Himself for her" (Eph. 5:25). Husbands, have you thought recently about how

Jesus loved the church? He expressed the greatest form of love by dying for the church. "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends" (John 15:13). Now that's a committed love.

This Sunday morning we will examine some ways to express our love to God, to the church and to one another. In the meantime, don't forget to buy your sweetheart something special. (Hint to husbands: vacuum cleaners and small kitchen appliances don't count.)

See you Sunday! Mike

**How To Say "I Love You"**  
Rom. 5:6-8



Purpose: To explore ways to express our love.

2010 Theme  
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"The Church With Heart"

## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### THANKS!

Thanks to all who came out to play paintball this past Sunday. It was a blast!

### COMBINED DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the middle and high school are invited to the devotional this coming Sunday night. We have some special things planned for Valentines Day! Please bring \$3 for supper. We will be finished at 8:30.

### BIBLE QUIZ

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Hotel Reservations are being made this Monday. Please make sure any changes are turned in by Sunday.

### IMPORTANT DATES

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### A Changing World

Do you ever get the feeling that the world we live in is unstable? Technology changes like the wind. To hold a job requires you to learn new skills or be left behind. We are all so busy and mobile that we hardly get acquainted with people and it's time for someone to move. Our beliefs and morals are in constant combat with this world. All of this can be so damaging and destructive unless we find some anchors which offer us security and assurance.

Our class on the book of Hebrews each Sunday morning has discovered that this is not a 21st Century phenomenon. The writer of

Hebrews is writing to a tired community of Christians who need to grab hold of an anchor because they are beginning to drift.

In chapter 12 the writer reminds them, "in your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And you have forgotten that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons." So, he says in (:12) "strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees." And again in (:28) "...we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship GOD acceptably with reverence and awe...". The only secure place to be is in Christ...a kingdom that cannot be shaken.

By Don Crawford

### Growing in Grace by Mike Gravois

In the Jurassic Age of computer programming the term used was **GIGO**. It stood for the phrase **Garbage In Garbage Out** and meant that the usefulness of a computer was only as reliable as the information entered into it.

Paul the apostle realized this truth many years earlier. Listen to these words he wrote in his concluding remarks to the congregation in Philippi.

*"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me - put into practice. And the God of peace will be with you."*

*Philippians 4:8-9*

In our modern society we are continually exposing ourselves to new information. Work, meetings, music, TV, errands, children's activities, school, sports, etc. fill our time and our heads. The question is "Is what we expose ourselves to drawing us closer to God?" or "How much time does God get in our busy schedules?" Do we focus on excellent and praiseworthy things?

Remember to make room for God in your busy schedules. You may need to schedule it on your calendar and make that time a priority. If we will do this maybe we can create a new term **God In Grace Out**.

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### Thank You!

Your kindness and sympathy will always be held in grateful remembrance by our family. Thank you for helping make our Dad's home-going so beautiful.

*Greg, Cindy, Lynn & Marci Hamilton*

Thanks so much for the many cards, calls, words of comfort and most of all your prayers upon the tragic death of my niece. In Christian love,

*Beverly Hale*

Thank you for your thoughtfulness with the passing of my brother. Your cards were encouraging, your words were compassionate and your hugs were so very needed. Please continue to hold up my mother in prayer. God bless you all. Love,

*Debbie Jones*

We are very privileged to be a part of a Christian family who wrote many cards, made phone calls and comments over the loss of our nephew.

*Clay & Jamon Kirby*

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ, Thank you so much from the very bottom of our hearts for the \$1,250.00 you gave us when we lost our home in the recent tornado. There are not enough words to express our gratitude and appreciation for the love, kindness and thoughtfulness you have shown us. It is such a blessing to have Christians from other congregations that don't know us personally show us such generosity. Again, thank you so very much. May God bless you always. In Christian love,

*Steve & Carrie Handley*

Wednesday Night Meal for Feb. 17:  
BBQ

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### Upcoming Showers

Ladies are invited to a Baby Shower honoring

*Linda Sandoval Benitez*

Daughter of Israel & Martha Sandoval

Saturday, February 13

4:00 p.m.

West Erwin Benevolence Center

Selections at Babies R Us

It's a boy!



Ladies are invited to a Bridal Shower honoring

*Sarah Cummings*

Bride-elect of Brice Carter, son of Davy & Sonja Carter

Sunday, February 21

West Erwin Family Life Center

3:00-4:30 p.m.

Selections at Bed Bath & Beyond, Target & Dillard's

Please note: the home/event state on their registry may say Tennessee or Arkansas.



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<b>Bible Class</b>	412	457	462
<b>Worship a.m.</b>	668	646	721
<b>Worship p.m.</b>	431	421	388
<b>Wed. p.m.</b>	309	NC	324
<b>Contribution</b>	\$28,180.55	\$25,151.33	\$33,856.52
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	\$27,500.00		

**Updates:** Dale Blackstone will be having arthroscopic knee surgery 2/4. | Betty Boles, mother of Judy Hamm, had surgery Wednesday at ETMC. | Will Christian's mother has been admitted to Good Shepherd in Longview for respiratory problems. | Betty Clague is now home. | Wanda Frick had a consultation Wednesday concerning her upcoming surgery. The CT scan revealed a large mass in her left kidney. | Dick Higginbotham is in Mother Frances, Room 320 with a blood sugar problem. | Faye Kennard had a procedure to have a Medtronic stimulator put in her back. | Dub Mathews is at ETMC, room 2230. | Bob May is at Colonial Manor, room 325. | Mary Hunt, former member, is still at MFH, room 5502. | Terry Jackson, Sr., is at Health South. | Welda Mitchell, friend of George Daugherty, is now home. | Mattie Smithey, sister of Fern Bench, is in the wound center in Greenville. **West Erwin Family** Deloris Bundy | Charlotte Cawyer | Wini Cullinan | Mary McFadden | Ruth Meazell | Carol Morgan | Emma Morgan | Bettye Price | Tommy Price | Molly Lou Terry *Ongoing concerns:* Johnny Anders | Deiee Buiiard | iviiburn Cook | Kaiii Huff | Dub & Opai Mathews | Penny & Wade McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | Maxine Ray | George Richardson | Liz Rogers | Judy Smith | Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods **Family & Friends** Shirley Fisher, mother of Gregg | Fran Starnes' sister, Pat Gray (cancer) | Laree Hall, grandmother of Amber Chauncey | Mattie Hawkins, mother of Kim Jordan | Noble Johnson (cancer), son-in-law of Garland & Marlene Latham

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Jared Jordan Odie Kennedy  
Lee Kellenberger Dennis Kingsbury  
Matt Kelly Clay Kinser

**GREETERS**

David & Wanda Frick & Jake Skender  
Mark & Melissa Frick & Zack Skender  
Lon & Riece Gibson & Jordan Snell  
**Visitor Center:** James & Helen Gullion  
Bob & Pat Hackett

**Pick up cards for 2/7 & 2/14:** Matthew Kimball, Evan Kingsbury, Brayden Kempton, Nicolas Means, Stephen Moore

**Sound Booth- 2/7-2/14:** Todd Kempton & Daniel DuPree

**Minibus Driver for Sunday and Wednesday:** Don Ingram  
ph. 903-253-4600. **Please call if you need transportation.**

**Children's Ministry for 2/7:**Nursery a.m.: Jan Cook  
Toddlers a.m: Mary Jo Crowder | Toddlers p.m.: Cathy Culpepper  
Children's Worship: Tony Wingate

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**Moments With Mike**

**A Mission From God**

As children we sometimes played games where we imagined we were superheroes, firemen, policemen or some other figure of authority. In these games, we saved the world from evil, put out raging fires, rescued hostages from the bad guys and a host of other virtuous things. In all of these games we discussed the mission or task that needed to be completed, then we went about to accomplish that mission.

The word mission has many definitions. Among these are the general concepts of a task to be undertaken, a representative group sent to establish relations with another group, a religious outreach, etc. Today in the church, many times when we hear the word "mission" we immediately think of missionaries in foreign countries or in the mission fields of our own country. But the mission of the Christian includes many other aspects in addition to church work in "mission fields."

Paul tells us that the body of Christ is comprised of many members, each having their own ways of contributing to the health and strength of the church (1 Cor. 12). Each of us participates in the growth of the church in various ways. Not everyone can go to a foreign mission field, but everyone can aid in the process of doing the Lord's work.

Jesus gave a mission to us in Mt. 28:18-20. "And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always,

even to the end of the age." Amen."

Is that your mission today as a Christian? If not, it should be. Someone may answer and say, "But I'm not able to go into a mission field," or "I'm not able to preach or teach to someone else." But God expects us to be his representatives here and to continue in the task of teaching others about the gospel.

Our Lord came to this world for the purpose of seeking and saving the lost (Luke 19:10). Our purpose as Christians should include the spreading of the gospel to a lost and dying world. As Paul stated in 2 Cor. 5:20, "Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God."

What are you doing to aid in the process of reconciling the world to God through Christ? Are you praying for the efforts of those who teach and preach? Are you supporting these efforts financially? Are you growing in your own knowledge of the word so you can be better equipped to personally teach others? Are you living a sanctified life that will stand as a positive example to others?

I know that many of you are doing these things and great results are seen because the church here has embraced the fact that we have a mission from God. We have a duty to spread the good news to all we can, whether in Tyler or anywhere else in the world. May God continue to bless our efforts for His cause.

See you Sunday! Mike

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### THANKS!

Thanks to all of the teens who went on the Servant Retreat. Thanks to **Danielle Rousseau** and **Mark Frick** for going as sponsors. We had a great weekend and were blessed to be together with teens from three other churches.

### BIBLE QUIZ

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### PAINTBALL

All of those in the youth group are invited to play paintball on Sunday, Feb 7. We will start at 2:00 and finish at 5:00. The cost is \$10. Wear clothing appropriate for the weather. Since we will not be meeting for church that night, we will plan to quit at 5:00.

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### Defining Ourselves

By Don Crawford

"GOD, I thank you that I am not like all other men -- robbers, evildoers, adulterers -- or even like this tax collector." (Luke 18:11)

Something was wrong in Luke's day when one person attempted to compare himself to another person. Something is still wrong with it today. It's even wrong for us to attempt to compare our church to another church down the road. "We're not like them" isn't the only thing we have to say for ourselves. How much more powerful would it be to have a productive conversation that turned to who GOD is calling us to be and how GOD is at

work in our lives? What testimony do we offer about GOD and about GOD'S work in our midst?

Try changing the conversation to something like this: Spirituality is real. Worship is vital. GOD is alive. And His people are engaged in living their faith in their jobs, in their homes, and in their communities. How's GOD working in your life?

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of GOD for salvation to everyone who BELIEVES..."  
Romans 1:16

### Growing in Grace by Mike Gravois

Have you ever had one of "those" days? In her children's book **Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day**, Judith Viorst tells us about just such a day. If anything can go wrong for Alexander it does. Throughout the book we see how Alexander deals with all of the obstacles placed in his path.

Sometimes we have days just like Alexander. In his letter "To the twelve tribes scattered among the nations:" James writes these words,

"Greetings. Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete not lacking anything."

James 1:1b-4

What a way to start a letter. "Hi, having a tough day, congratulations," but don't give up just yet. Read on and you begin to see what James is trying to say. James gives us a new way to look at our difficult days, for in those days God helps us to grow our faith. Faith formation is not always an easy process, but it is still a process. God is faithful and He is in charge.

How's your week going so far? Has it been difficult? If, so lean on God. He will see you through and you will be closer to Him as a result.

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Emma Morgan

Thank you so very much for the CDs you send each week. When we finish with them they are mailed overseas. Sincerely,

Sarah Huffman

To my brothers and sisters in Christ at West Erwin, These last 3 months have been pretty difficult. I want each of you to know how much I appreciate each call, card, visit, food, but most of all it was your prayers that is getting me through it. My health is not where it needs to be, but thank you dear Lord it is not where it used to be. God bless you. I love you all.

Molly Lou Terry

Dear West Erwin Family, We would like to thank you for the cards, calls and visits that you have blessed us with in the loss of Will's sister Mary Ann. We also want to thank the church for the beautiful bouquet of flowers that was sent. We love and appreciate all of you.

Will & Stephanie Christian & family

Thank you so much for the cards, calls, emails and words of concern at the loss of my sister-in-law. All this plus your prayers were such a comfort.

Mitzi Wilkinson

Are you interested in scrapbooking? We will meet the 2nd Thursday of the month at the Benevolence Center at 6:00 p.m. Bring your own supplies and come for some fun & fellowship. Contact Melanie Murry with any questions at 903-216-8587.



### YAH Reminder

Glenwood's Pure Gold is having their annual area wide senior adults night on Thursday, February 11. It's a baked potato night with all the trimmings & dessert. The Faithful Praise singing group from North Tenneha Church of Christ will provide the entertainment. This event will take the place of our February meeting and will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Glenwood Family Life Center. A sign up sheet is at our Visitor Center, so please register by Sunday, February 7.

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### All Church Fellowship

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Tim Holt Greg Jones  
Roger Howell J Jones

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Scripture Davy Carter  
Dismiss Jimmy Carty

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## Moments With Mike

### Everyone Makes A Difference

One of the great lies the devil tries to tell us is that just one person doesn't make a difference. But every one counts. Consider this poem (by an unknown author) and you will see that we all make a difference either for good or for bad. 2010 is already a great year, but it can always be better. See you Sunday! Mike

**Ten little Christians standing in line.  
One disliked the preacher, then there were nine.**

**Nine little Christians stayed up very late.  
One overslept Sunday, then there were eight.**

**Eight little Christians on their way to Heaven.  
One took the low road, then there were seven.**

**Seven little Christians chirping like chicks.  
One disliked the music, then there were six.**

**Six little Christians seemed very much alive.  
One lost his interest, then there were five.**

**Five little Christians pulling for Heaven's Shore.  
One stopped to rest, then there were four.**

**Four little Christians each busy as a bee.  
One got his feelings hurt, then there were three.**

**Three little Christians knew not what to do.  
One joined the sporty crowd, then there were two.**

**Two little Christians -- our rhyme is nearly done --  
Differed with each other, then there was one.**

**One little Christian can't do much 'tis true,  
Brought his friend to Bible study, then there were two.**

**Two earnest Christians, each won one more.  
That doubled the number, then there were four.**

**Four sincere Christians worked early and late.  
Each won another, then there were eight.**

**Eight splendid Christians, if they doubled as before,  
In just a few Sundays, we'd have 1,024!**

**In this little jingle there is a lesson true --  
You belong either to the building or to the wrecking crew!**

2010 Theme  
*We Believe*

Sermons for January 31, 2010, by Mike Baker  
A.M.: Excuses The Devil Loves To Hear (Luke 14:15-20)  
P. M.: The Excuses Of Moses (Exod. 3:10-12)  
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"The Church With Heart"

## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### THANKS!

Thanks to Jeff Fennell, John Shaw & Rachel Huff for helping with the devo last Sunday.

### SERVANT RETREAT

The High School Servant Retreat is Jan. 29-31. The cost will be \$35. We will leave Friday @ 5:30 and return in time for class Sunday morning.

### BIBLE QUIZ

The next Bible Quiz will be Monday, Feb. 22 at West Erwin from 6:45-7:45.

### LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

Remember... your deposit is due this month. Chorus meets Sundays @ 4:00. (except Feb. 7)

Puppets meet on Wednesdays @ 7:00.  
Drama will meet beginning Sunday, Feb. 14 @ 3:00.

### PAINTBALL

All of those in the youth group are invited to play paintball on Sunday, Feb 7. We will start at 2:00 and finish at 5:00. The cost is \$10. Wear clothing appropriate for the weather. We need you to sign up by Wednesday night, Feb. 3 so we can have enough supplies. Since we will not be meeting for church that night, we will plan to quit at 5:00.

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### The Danger of Anger

By Don Crawford

Out of control anger is at the foundation of most of our people problems. It's corrosive. Holding on to anger is like soaking your heart in acid. It destroys every good thing GOD wants to bless us with. It kills compassion, empathy, love and relationships. Everything we need in our lives to become more like GOD.

Destroyed relationships close us off from the love GOD knows we need. If my anger keeps me from loving others, who am I trying to fool? I'm only fooling myself if I think I

love GOD. John spelled it out for us in clear, authoritative words: "If anyone says, 'I love GOD,' yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love GOD, whom he has not seen" (1 John 4:20).

GOD'S answer comes to us in (Col. 3:13-14):

"Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." Forgiveness replaces anger with love which restores two relationships; the one with your brother and the one with GOD.

### Growing in Grace by Mike Gravois

*"My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you," Galatians 4:19*

Paul, in his letter to the Church in Galatia, describes an amazing process that occurs in the life of Christian believers. "... until Christ is formed in you, ..." is Paul's way of describing the faith formation process. It is what happens as we spend time studying God's Word. God literally forms and develops inside of us.

This indwelling process occurs as we spend time in personal Bible study, attend Bible classes, memorize scripture, and talk with God through prayer. As we learn more about Him, He forms Himself inside of us as our relationship with Him grows and develops. We begin to take on the appearance of God as people see Him dwelling in us through our thoughts, words, and deeds.

A new year is often a great time for us to reflect on our lives. How did we spend our time in 2009? What do we want to change in 2010? We make resolutions aimed at accomplishing the personal goals we set for ourselves. Why not set a goal to look more like your Heavenly Father? Make 2010 the year you invite Him to dwell in you more fully through a deeper knowledge of His Word.

## Ladies' Involvement Ministry

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### Nursing Home & Elderly

Contact person: Wanda Weathers 903-597-3464

Co-Leader: Jane Jones 903-561-2818

This group provides encouragement by making visits and phone calls to our members that are shut-ins or in nursing homes. Each month, a list of people and their birthdays is placed on the board in the main foyer. Anyone may place birthday cards in the drop pocket on the board, and they will be delivered to these special members on their birthday or earlier. Be sure to put recipient names on your envelopes.

### East Texas Christian Academy

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### Thank You!

"Thank You!" to everyone for the cards, calls, prayers and offers to do anything needed. You are all appreciated!

Tommy Price

Thank you all so much for the cards and words of concern at the loss of Matt's grandmother. So many people let us know they were praying for our family and it was such a comfort. We love you all!

Matt & Lindsay Kelly

Thank you so much for the beautiful poinsettia. It was good of you to remember me during the holiday season.


Mary McFadden

To the singers at Lamern Bailey's service, Thank you so much for taking the time to sing at the service last Saturday. It was such a comfort to the family to hear such sweet voices. Mrs. Bailey had a beautiful alto voice and sang at many funerals herself. I know she would have appreciated it. Regards,

Happy Bailey (daughter-in-law)

Dear brothers & sisters in Christ at West Erwin, Thank you for the flowers sent to Lamern's funeral service. They were beautiful and appreciated. Thank you for the singers, the kind words and the support.

Debra & Layton

 Are you interested in scrapbooking? We will meet the 2nd Thursday of the month at the Benevolence Center at 6:00 p.m. Bring your own supplies and come for some fun & fellowship. Contact Melanie Murry with any questions at 903-216-8587.

## Welcome, New Member!

Betty Duncan-Clague responded Sunday saying she wants to move her membership back to West Erwin. She also requests prayers for her husband who suffers from a chronic and acute condition that has no cure. We welcome you to the West Erwin family, Betty!

## With Sympathy

Services for Buck Hamilton were last Saturday in Bullard. | Services for Charles (Buck) Brown, brother of Alice Thompson, were Tuesday in Whitehouse. | Services for Mary Ann Christian, sister of Will, were Wednesday in Marshall. | Services for Odell Malone, former West Erwin member, were Wednesday at Memorial Funeral Home West. | Skyla Henson, niece of Beverly Hale, was killed in a car accident in Missouri last week. | Services are pending for Lori Sanders, sister-in-law of Mitzi Wilkinson, who passed away Monday night. She lived in Liberty, TX. Our love, prayers and sympathy are with these families.

## Congratulations!

Kaitlyn Grace Moorehead was born January 19, to Lois and Wes in Longview. She weighed 7 lb. 2 oz. and was 19" long. Roy and Fern Bench are the proud great grandparents.

## Reminder

There will be a deacons, elders & preachers meeting at El Charro's on Monday evening, February 1, at 6:30 p.m.

## All Church Fellowship

# Feb. 7

Everyone is invited to a catered all church fellowship for lunch after a.m. services on Sunday, February 7. We will have lunch, then a devotional and dismiss for the day. We will not have evening services. We need volunteers to bake cookies to serve for dessert. If you can help, sign up at the Visitor Center.

## New Address

Zena Wright

6401 Ohio Dr. # 3205, Plano, TX 75024

I loved worshipping with the brethren at West Erwin and love all the friends I made there. Thanks for the prayers on my behalf.

Zena Wright

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Mexican Food



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Bible Class	429	401	410
Worship a.m.	687	661	692
Worship p.m.	431	439	423
Wed. p.m.	334	268	314
Contribution	\$22,874.98	\$30,237.27	\$25,468.31
Weekly Budget	\$27,500.00		

**Updates:** Mary Ann Christian, sister of Will, is hospitalized with double pneumonia in Marshall. | Bob May is at Colonial Manor, room 325. | Mary Hunt, former member, is still at MFH, room 5502. | Welda Mitchell, friend of George Daugherty, is at Olympic Plaza. | Emma Morgan is now home. | Tom Ramsour is at ETMC for heart problems. **West Erwin Family:** Deloris Bundy | Charlotte Caywer | Wini Cullinan | Mary McFadden | Ruth Meazeli | Carol Morgan | Bettye Price | Tommy Price | Molly Lou Terry *Ongoing concerns:* Johnny Anders | Delle Bullard | Milburn Cook | Kalli Huff | Dub & Opal Mathews | Penny & Wade McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | Maxine Ray | George Richardson | Liz Rogers | Judy Smith | Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods **Family & Friends:** Betty Boles (colon cancer), mother of Judy Hamm | Shirley Fisher, mother of Gregg | Fran Starnes' sister, Pat Gray (cancer) | Laree Hall, grandmother of Amber Chauncey | Mattie Hawkins, mother of Kim Jordan | Noble Johnson (cancer), son-in-law of Garland & Marlene Latham | Mattie Smithey, sister of Fern Bench

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Scripture	Fred Wilkinson
Dismiss	Fred Wingate
Presiding At The Lord's Table	Ira Wilson

**SERVING COMMUNION**

George Hill	Jasper Huff
Jim Holleman	James Hughes
Tim Holt	Greg Jones
Roger Howell	J Jones

**5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY**

Prayer	Tony Adams
Scripture	Chris Ables
Dismiss	Ernest Bennett

**GREETERS**

Melvin & Nina Crow & Luis Saucedo  
 Clinton & Louise Culpepper & Erick Saucedo  
 Don & Mary Jo Crowder & Andrew Saucedo  
**Visitor Center:** Frank & Gail Debenport  
 Ken & Cathy Culpepper

**Pick up cards for 1/24 & 1/31:** Matthew Christian, Keaton Conder, Samuel Estes, Caleb DuPree, Colton Haile

**Sound Booth- 1/24 & 1/31:** Curt Jordan & John Shaw

**Minibus Driver for Sunday and Wednesday:** Don Ingram  
 ph. 903-253-4600. **Please call if you need transportation.**

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## Moments With Mike

### Churches On Fire

This past Sunday night another church in our area caught on fire and burned. That made two Tyler churches (in two days) and 6 churches in East Texas that have burned in just the first 17 days of the year. Needless to say, many church people have their senses heightened now and are more cautious to protect against arson. Not all of these fires were intentionally set, but some were and that is cause for concern.

I hope and pray that whoever is behind these fires will stop and be held accountable for their actions. I also pray that they will repent and then look back to churches as a solution for their problems rather than a target for their anger. Will you join me in prayer that this can be the outcome?

Now, let's turn our attention to how churches *should* be on fire. That's right. Churches *ought* to be on fire, but many simply are not.

A story was told of a small town that had one church, many churchgoers and one long-time atheist. The church had become cold and dead and had lost its passion for the lost. One night the church building caught on fire and the entire town began to run to the fire to help put it out. Even the atheist ran toward the church. One neighbor yelled out to him saying, "Hey, I've never seen you running

to church!" The atheist replied, "I've never seen the church on fire!" Sadly, many churches have never been on fire.

Maybe if more churches were on fire for the Lord more people would be drawn to the salvation that is offered through Jesus that is clearly demonstrated in the lives of Christians.

Maybe if more churches were on fire for the Lord Christians would be more consistent in their attendance for Bible classes and worship and more focused on spiritual growth.

Maybe if more churches were on fire for the Lord the passion for reaching the lost would spread like...well, like fire, across our country.

Friends, there is no "maybe" about it. Catch a church on fire for the Lord and things are going to happen!

This Sunday night the message will be, "Are We On Fire For The Lord?" I hope you will make your plans to attend this evening worship. Our attendance numbers for January have been very healthy. You are to be commended for the excellent start you are making in 2010. Let's keep this focus on serving God all year long!

Lord, "grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word" (Acts 4:29). Light a fire!

See you Sunday! Mike

2010 Theme  
*We Believe*

Sermons for January 24, 2010, by Mike Baker  
 A.M.: Budget Presentation (Prov. 3:5-6) *Leon Welborn*  
 P. M.: Are We On Fire For The Lord? (Acts 5:38-42)  
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"The Church With Heart"

## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### BIBLE QUIZ

Bible Quiz will be Monday, Jan. 25 at the Shiloh Rd. Church from 6:45-7:45.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

All of those in middle school are invited to the devotional this coming Sunday night after church. We will be finished at 8:30. Please bring \$3 for supper and wear tennis shoes.

### THANKS!

Thanks to all of those who have helped with the Wednesday Teen Classes these past weeks: Lindsay Kelly, Danielle Rousseau, Megan Craycraft, Tom Cook, Jeremy Wilson, Jon Murry, Alex Mullins & Jonathon Stone. We appreciate you!

### SERVANT RETREAT

The High School Servant Retreat is Jan. 29-31. The cost will be \$35. Mark your calendars and plan to come. Please sign up by Jan. 24.

### LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

Chorus will begin this Sunday at 4:00. Please meet in the small auditorium. Puppets will begin on Wednesday, Jan. 27. Please meet in the Family Life Center.

### PAINTBALL

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### Do I Have To Love Everyone?

By Don Crawford

No doubt you have been hurt by insensitive people who have deliberately cheated you, lied to you, or have thrown you under the bus to make themselves look good. Does GOD really expect us to love people like that? The answer is, "Yes, He does!" But GOD also knows you cannot love that person with human love....you need HIS powerful love.

Biblically, we are called to simply apply to other people the same principles we apply to ourselves. I don't always like me, but I always want the best for me. Isn't that what GOD is asking of us? He wants us to will good things for them. He wants us to pray that GOD'S

words will find a way into their hearts.

We aren't glossing over the hurtful things they did, they are still bad and wrong. But we should want for them the same things we want for ourselves. Therefore, we pray they will have a life filled with the great love GOD has designed for all of us.

### West Erwin Jail Ministry Needs

Gaylan Seagler, who has been visiting and teaching Bible in the Smith County jail for decades is requesting LARGE print Bibles you are willing to donate for this ministry. Please bring them to the foyer, tagged: "for jail ministry". Thank you in advance.

## Winter 2009-2010 Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class Schedule

Class Group & Location	Topic	Teacher
College/Young Professionals- 306	"Life of Moses"	Jon Murry
Young Marrieds-302	"Welcome to the Lifeboat"	Ray Vannoy
Anyone- Family Life Center	"The Names of God"	Danny Snell
Anyone- Benevolence Center	"Hebrews"	Don Crawford
Anyone- 112	"Prison Epistles"	Paul Montandon
Anyone- Small Auditorium	"Proverbs"	Mike Baker
Anyone- 403	"Parables of Jesus"	Wayne Berryman
Anyone- Heritage Room	"Proverbs & New Testament	Ralph Henderson
Anyone- Auditorium	"Words Related to God's Role in Salvation"	Forest McFadden
Hispanic - 303		Israel Sandoval

## Ladies' Involvement Ministry

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### Meals for Moms

Contact Person: Anna Mitchell

mitchell3andB@nctv.com 903-520-7226

We all remember how excited and exhausted we were when we brought our babies home from the hospital! Meals for Moms is made up of women who are available to make a meal for a new mother and her family. Some women prefer to work alone and make the whole meal themselves...some ladies prefer to couple up with each other and share the responsibilities of the meal. Besides preparing the meal, it is also the responsibility of the lady/ladies preparing the meal to get it to the home of the new mother on their assigned day.

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### Baptism/New Members

CJ Wallace was baptized Wednesday, Jan. 20, and the Wallace family would like to be a part of the West Erwin congregation. Congratulations, CJ! We welcome you to the West Erwin family!

CJ & Amber Wallace, Luke (2) & David (8 mo.)

3000 CR 313 E, Tyler, TX 75706

903-592-1311 or 903-216-5764

amberrwallace@hotmail.com

### With Thanks

The ladies of West Erwin are the greatest!! Two of them came bringing me "tidings of great joy" in a bag full of birthday cards for my 91st birthday. My love and thanks to all of you and all others who sang and spoke their wishes for making my day and warming my heart and soul.

Wini Cullinan

Dear Christian Friends, I would like to thank all of our wonderful Christian friends in the Tyler area for your generous donations to the Arms of Hope. Your tremendous efforts in collecting 1,500 pounds of clothing will help us care for our children and single-mother families. On behalf of all our children and mothers, "Thank You!"

Kevin McDonald

Arms of Hope

Dear West Erwin, Thank you all for the cards. Thanks for the prayers and encouragement from everyone. It helped the Christmas time go a lot easier.

In Christian Love,

Samuel Mink

## With Appreciation

The family of Lamern and Sam Bailey is hugely grateful for the love and attention shown to us at Lamern's passing. They built their lives around the people of West Erwin, and you have now richly rewarded and blessed at least three generations through showing us the love of Jesus.

The Bailey Family

We recently lost a family member, Kati Holt. Our family has again called on the West Erwin church for your love and compassion. Thank you so very much for the many cards, phone calls, personal words of comfort and the prayers. We wish God's love and blessings on all of you.

Betty Holt & Family


## Change of Address

Stephanie Ruddell

1505 Grande Blvd. #205, Tyler, TX 75703

## Baptism

Kelsi Kilgore was baptized Jan. 17. She is the daughter of Karl & Tara Kilgore and granddaughter of Jimmy & Sue Carty. Kelsi is in the 6th grade and attends school in Lindale. Welcome to the West Erwin family, Kelsi!



## Books & Bindings

Books & Bindings Book Club will meet Tuesday, Jan. 26 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Jan Cook, 215 Vicksburg, Tyler, 903-561-2638.

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## Ladies' Time at Alpine

Ladies are invited to an evening of inspiration and encouragement with noted author and speaker Thelma Wells on Sunday, January 31 at 6:00 p.m. at Alpine Church of Christ in Longview. Call 903-755-0161 for more info or email [alpine@cablelynx.com](mailto:alpine@cablelynx.com). This event is free of charge.

Wednesday Night Meal for Jan. 27:  
Italian-Bruno's



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Worship a.m.	661	651	722
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Wed. p.m.	268	176	NC
Contribution	\$30,237.27	28,639.86	\$25,791.28
Weekly Budget	\$27,500.00		

**Updates:** Brett Finley, son-in-law of the Womacks, had emergency surgery to remove a mass near his spinal column and he will undergo more tests. | Shirley Fisher, mother of Gregg Fisher, has double pneumonia and has been hospitalized in ICU for two weeks. | Mike Gravois is now home. | Mattie Hawkins, mother of Kim Jordan, is having heart problems. | Dub and Opal Mathews are now back at their home at The Hamptons. | Bob May is at Colonial Manor, room 325. | Linda Marts was to have cataract surgery this morning. | Ruth Meazell is now home. | Welda Mitchell, friend of George Daugherty, is at MFH with a broken hip. | Emma Morgan is at Olympic Plaza, room 401. | Tommy Price is now home. | Mary Hunt, former member, is still at MFH, room 5502, and would appreciate visitors. | Jimmy Wester is now home. **West Erwin Family:** Deloris Bundy | Charlotte Caywer | Wini Cullinan | Mary McFadden | Ruth Meazell | Carol Morgan | Gayle Payne | Bettye Price | Molly Lou Terry | Ira Wilson | **Ongoing concerns:** Johnny Anders | Delle Bullard | Milburn Cook | Kalli Huff | Dub & Opal Mathews | Penny & Wade McDonald | Samuei Mink | Kay Parrish | Maxine Kay | George Richardson | Liz Rogers | Judy Smith | Clyde Waggoner | Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods **Family & Friends:** Betty Boles (colon cancer), mother of Judy Hamm | Laree Hall, grandmother of Amber Chauncey | Fran Starnes' sister, Pat Gray (cancer) | Noble Johnson (cancer), son-in-law of Garland & Marlene Latham | Mattie Smithey, sister of Fern Bench

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Dismiss Leon Welborn  
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**SERVING COMMUNION**

Charles Harris Bill Hawkins  
Dalton Harris Matt Haws  
Drew Harris Gary Heath Sr.  
Mike Harris Gary Heath, Jr.

**5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY**

Prayer Dale White  
Scripture Ben Starr  
Dismiss Kyle Willoughby

**GREETERS**

Jimmy & Sue Carty & Kevin Sandoval  
Bud & Charlotte Caywer & Lesly Sandoval  
Chad & Amber Chauncey & Jeffrey Scarborough  
**Visitor Center:** Milburn & Jan Cook  
Wanda Cook & Jeri Church

**Pick up cards for 1/17:** Grant Perkins, Austin & Isaac Millican,  
Corey Prestidge, Matthew Christian

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**Moments With Mike**

**Would You Believe?**

Anyone remember Maxwell Smart from the TV show *Get Smart*? If you do, you likely remember some of the gadgets he used, like the shoe phone, (I really liked that one) and some of the phrases he used like, "missed it by that much."

But there was another phrase he used that I would imagine you remember as well. When surrounded by the enemy, he would sometimes exaggerate how many people were outside ready to come to his rescue. Of course, no one was actually there to save him. When his enemy would not seem impressed, he would lessen the number and say, "would you believe....?"

Unlike Maxwell's failed attempts to get people to believe him, the Christian should be positioned in such a way to begin with the truth, continue with the truth, and actively persuade others to believe that truth.

When a Christian teaches the wonderful story of redemption, God's love, the sacrifice of Jesus, the patience of a loving Father and the assurance of an eternal life in heaven there are certainly going to be some people who are not persuaded. Some may say it sounds too good to be true. Others may simply not have an interest because they haven't considered the alternatives.

Still, the Christian is called to plant and water the

seed, the word of God (1 Cor. 3:5-9), and to be an instrument of God to bring about a reconciliation between the sinner and God (2 Cor. 5:16-20). Despite sometimes thinking that we don't know how to teach others, I like the phrase, "If you know enough to be a brother, you know enough to teach another." You believe. So let's work on getting others to believe also.

John's gospel includes these wonderful verses in John 20:30-31. "And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples which are not written in this book, but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name."

Would your friends believe that Jesus died for their sins? Would they believe that God is willing to forgive the sins of a Christian who repents? Would they believe that you don't have to be perfect to go to heaven? Would they believe that God is powerful enough to raise the dead, cure the sick and destroy the world?

If we are teaching through our words and our lives, our friends will be much more likely to believe what the Bible says. Let's solidify in our minds what we believe and be ready to teach those things to others.

See you Sunday! Mike

2010 Theme  
*We Believe*

Sermons for January 17, 2010, by Mike Baker  
A.M.: That You May Believe (John 20:30-31)  
P. M.: They Left God Out (Luke 12:16-20)  
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## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### BIBLE QUIZ

We will have a study session this Sunday. We will go eat lunch together at Wendy's and come back to the building and work together until 3:30. Please bring lunch money. The Quiz will be Monday, Jan. 25 at the Shiloh Rd. Church from 6:45-7:45.

### SPECIAL TEEN CLASSES

Join us for a series of special classes on Wednesday nights for the guys and girls in grades 6-12. We have separate classes for the guys and girls as well as middle and high school. We have extended 1 more week! Don't miss it!

### SERVANT RETREAT

The High School Servant Retreat is Jan. 29-31. The cost will

be \$35. Mark your calendars and plan to come. Please sign up by Jan. 20.

### LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

Chorus will begin this Sunday at 4:00. Please meet in the small auditorium. Puppets will begin on Wednesday, Jan. 27.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Jan. 17	Bible Quiz Study Session
Jan. 17	Small Groups Meet
Jan. 20	Special Wednesday Classes
Jan. 24	Middle School Devotional
Jan. 25	Bible Quiz
Jan. 29-31	High School Servant Retreat
Feb. 7	Super Bowl Party
June 13-19	BackCountry Trek
July 1-10	Nebraska Mission Trip
July 13-17	Middle School Madness
July 24-30	New Orleans Mission Trip

### The Power of Love

By Don Crawford

World famous cardiologist, Dr. Dean Ornish, says, "If you are loving GOD and people well, you can eat junk food and still remain healthy." He also says, "We are 500% more likely to contract a major illness when we are isolated from loving people." Let those statements soak in for a moment.

GOD surely designed us to give and receive love. Scripture even describes GOD in 1 John 4:16 — "GOD is love. Whoever lives in love lives in GOD, and GOD in him." When we decide not to love, things go awry emotionally, spiritually, and physically. Therefore, we can

surely say loving is living.....really living.

Jesus preached the greatest sermon ever preached while sitting on the side of a mountain. That's when he said, "In everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets" (Mt 7:12). It also sums up how we are to love.

Thanks to GOD we can know what love is and how to express it. Thanks to HIM for loving us long before we knew what love was.

GOD loves using us  
before we feel like we're ready.

### Rest From Your Labor

By Phil Ware

[www.heartlight.org](http://www.heartlight.org)

Work. Labor. Endurance. These are not wimpy words. They remind us of the grit and determination to make life happen in a fallen world. They are not particularly spiritual words. They apply equally well for the folks on the assembly line, the crew running optic fiber line for high-speed communication, or those managing the hurting and nervous folks in the emergency room line. Life lived productively requires effort; it often requires strenuous effort. The apostle Peter even suggested that we had to make the effort to see the spiritual growth in our lives (2 Peter 1:5-8). Life involves work, labor, and endurance. As

Christians, we believe our faith, hope, and love inspired by the Holy Spirit help us produce such needed effort. On the other hand, we must also recognize that we cannot bootstrap our way through life. More effort isn't going to fix, repair, or even improve some things in our lives. Even our best efforts are not going to be enough to pull us through some binds in which we find ourselves. That's why God built into our world a rhythm requiring rest. In fact, if you listen to the rhythm of God's creation, it was rest first, then creativity and productivity — notice in Genesis 1 there was evening then morning as part of each day. So often in our busy culture, we feel that resting is a waste of time. We could be getting something done (Cont. on pg. 3)

## Ladies' Involvement Ministry

Each week, we are highlighting a different Ladies' Ministry that you can be involved in. If interested, contact the leader of that ministry.

### Ladies' Inspirational Day

Contact Person: Carolyn Philpot

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Co-leader: Danielle Rousseau

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The purpose of this committee is to coordinate a special day of spiritual inspiration for the ladies of West Erwin. Women from the surrounding areas will be invited as our guests. This special day may take place every fall if the committee would like to plan one.

## Thank You

West Erwin Church of Christ,

Thank you for the beautiful basket of flowers you sent to my Dad's funeral. We have appreciated the cards, prayers and kind words you have given us. Your concern has helped make this an easier time. In Christian Love,

Kenneth & Evelyn Muncy

## Welcome, New Member!

Megan Craycraft

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## East Texas Christian Academy

The time has arrived once again for the opportunity to support Christian education by participating in the annual ETCA Charity Auction. This is the primary fund raising event sponsored annually to benefit the school. The theme this year is "Boots, Spurs & Buckaroos." The event will be held February 27, 2010 at the ETCA Gymnasium located at 2448 Roy Road. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. This year we hope to continue the tradition of success with your generous participation. More details will be following, however, if you would like information regarding tickets, see Sharon Beaver, Mike Gravois or contact ETCA directly at 903-561-8642.

## Ladies Retreat

Save the date for February 26-27 for our annual Ladies' Retreat! It will be titled "Life is Just a Dress Rehearsal for Heaven," and GiGi Allen & Darlene Conner will be the guest speakers. Make plans now to attend this uplifting event!

## Response for Prayer

Carolyn McCune responded Sunday asking for prayer for her son, Larry, who is grieving the loss of his son, Sean, who was killed in Iraq one year ago. Please continue to lift the McCune family in prayer as they live life without their loved one.

(cont. from pg. 2)

instead of wasting time resting. We could be advancing our cause instead of laying low and burning daylight on resting. We could be wringing an ounce or two more productivity out of the day if we could only get by with a little less rest. Rest is for down the road when we're older ... or when we go to heaven and don't have to worry about pleasing our manager ... or for when we don't have to try to keep our family afloat financially ... or for those days when we've actually gotten our "to do" lists finished. Our modern mindset is that rest is for when we're weary or sick or have time to rest. God didn't make our world this way. God rested on the seventh day. He called it Sabbath. He built that rhythm into our world. Surely the almighty, sovereign, and all-powerful God didn't NEED to rest. So why did he rest on the seventh day? Why did he put this imprint into our busy world of work, labor, and endurance? Simple! We needed to see God rest! We needed to know that God made rest a priority. We needed to know that our rest is crucial to us, to our lives, and to those around us. Jesus practiced the rest principle in his busy ministry. He taught his disciples the importance of rest. Jesus clearly had much to do and very little time in which to do it. Yet with all the pressures of the people and their needs, with all the things he needed to teach his disciples before his departure, he could say to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest" (Mark 6:31).



Osiel & Teresa Olivares

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We welcome you to the West Erwin family!

## Opportunity at ETCA

East Texas Christian Academy is seeking a School Counselor/Assistant Principal to begin in the Spring of 2010. The ideal candidate possesses a graduate degree in counseling with five plus years of experience in counseling and/or administration. Salary is negotiable, depending upon qualifications and experience. A full job description and application are available online at [www.etca.org](http://www.etca.org) or may be picked up at the ETCA office, 1797 Shiloh Rd, Tyler, TX 75703. For further information, contact Joe Ztokes, Vice-President of Academic Affairs at 903-561-8642.

Wednesday Night Meal for Jan. 20:  
BBQ



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Records	Sunday- Jan. 3	Sunday- Dec. 27	Year Ago
Bible Class	449	369	465
Worship a.m.	651	685	720
Worship p.m.	417	372	430
Wed. p.m.	176	NC	NC
Contribution	28,639.86	\$79,865.50	\$32,109.82
Weekly Budget	\$27,500.00		

**Updates:** **Betty Boles**, mother of Judy Hamm, has been diagnosed with colon cancer. | **Clifton Cox** has pneumonia. | **Kara Culpepper** (wife of Casey and sister of Kelli Malone) had gallbladder surgery last week in San Antonio. | **Kalli Huff** is now home. | **Bob May** is at Colonial Manor, room 325. | **Bobbye May** is now home. | **Emma Morgan** is at Olympic Plaza, room 401. | **Tommy Price** is at Heath South, room 122. | **Mattie Smithey**, sister of Fern Bench, has phlebitis in her leg. | **Jimmy Wester** is at MFH, doing well after knee replacement surgery. **West Erwin Family:** Deloris Bundy | Charlotte Cawyer | Wini Cullinan | Mary McFadden | Ruth Meazell | Carol Morgan | Gayle Payne | Bettye Price | Molly Lou Terry | Ira Wilson | **Ongoing concerns:** Johnny Anders | Delle Bullard | Milburn Cook | Kalli Huff | Dub & Opal Mathews | Penny & Wade McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | Maxine Ray | George Richardson | Liz Rogers | Judy Smith | Clyde Waggoner | Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods **Family & Friends:** **Laree Hall**, grandmother of Amber Chauncey | Fran Starnes' sister, **Pat Gray (cancer)** | **Tony Halleck (cancer)**, friend of Becky Howard | **Noble Johnson (cancer)**, son-in-law of Garland & Marlene Latham | **Amy Tucker (cancer)**, friend of Morris Hallman | **Derinda Vaughn**, relative of Bud Cawyer | **John Womack**, friend of Tere Loveless

MINISTERS	
Mike Baker - Pulpit Minister	Danny Snell - Youth
Don Crawford - Involvement	Israel Sandoval, Hispanic Minister
MISSIONS	
Rafael Falcon	E.E.M. World Radio
	Armondo Alaniz
	B.I.C.A.
ELDERS	
Jay Bynum	James Sublette
Ron Lott	Ray Vannoy
Phil Marts	Leon Welborn
Bill Mullins	Fred Wingate

ASSEMBLIES	
SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY
Bible School ..... 9:00 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class ..... 10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship ..... 10:00 A.M.	(Sept through May)
Evening Worship ..... Sept-May 5:00 P.M.	Bible Classes ..... 7:00 P.M.
June-Aug 6:00 P.M.	
TUESDAY AND THURSDAY	WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST
Christian Service Center ..... 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.	420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133
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**SERVING SUNDAY  
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY**

Call to worship Don Crawford  
Prayer Kevin Sustaie  
Scripture Garrett Smith  
Dismiss Ray Vannoy  
Presiding At The Lord's Table Billy Terrell

**SERVING COMMUNION**

Charles Harris Bill Hawkins  
Dalton Harris Matt Haws  
Drew Harris Gary Heath Sr.  
Mike Harris Gary Heath, Jr.

**5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY**

Prayer Con Sweet  
Scripture Glynn Starnes  
Dismiss J.R. Tharpe

**GREETERS**

Dale & Carolyn Blackstone & Mallori Philpot  
Jim & Helen Boyd & Jaci Prestidge  
Davy & Sonja Carter & Maggie Ragsdale  
**Visitor Center:** Jay & Debbie Bynum  
Gene & Gwen Chandler

**Pick up cards for 1/10 & 1/17:** Grant Perkins, Austin & Isaac Millican, Corey Prestidge, Matthew Christian

**Sound Booth- 1/10 & 1/17:** Mark Frick & Terry Frick

**Minibus Driver for Sunday and Wednesday:** Don Ingram  
ph. 903-253-4600. **Please call if you need transportation.**

**Nursery & Toddler Care Volunteers for 1/10 & 1/17:**  
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Toddlers a.m.: Sandra Wingate | Toddlers p.m.: Cayla Ables

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**Moments With Mike**

Well, here we are in the second week of the new year. How are you doing with your resolutions? Have you stayed on course or have you already given up on some of them?

In last week's article I mentioned three things that might help in keeping a resolution. Make it specific. Make it meaningful. Make it known.

Of those three, it is the last one that really lends itself to accountability. By telling others about your goals you are placing yourself in a position of accountability to them. That is a very important step.

Several of you have told me that you intend to keep up your daily Bible reading this year, and maybe even purchase the One Year Bible that I mentioned in a recent lesson. Guess what? By sharing that goal with me I'm in a position now to follow up and ask you periodically how you are doing. If you are falling behind I hope to encourage you to get back on track. Accountability isn't to be feared. It should be welcomed as it helps us to reach our goals.

Paul tells us in Romans 14:12, "So then, each of us shall give account of himself to God." Think about what that means. We made promises to God when we exchanged the old life of sin for a new life of righteousness. By agreeing to put on and wear the name of God's Son, we

**Give Account**

set our goal to be pleasing, and yes, accountable to God.

So how are we doing in those goals? Only you and God know for sure. But others can be very beneficial in helping you reach those goals if you will make them known.

Our shepherds, for example, also must give an account. Hebrews 13:17 says, "Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you." When you share your current spiritual condition and your spiritual goals with the elders, they will be in a much better position to help you grow and meet your goals.

Here's a short list of a few goals we might have that would help us spiritually.

1. Pray every day.
2. Read the Bible every day.
3. Gather with God's people each week.
4. Give diligence to add 2 Pet 1:5-11 to your life.
5. Share your goals with others who can help hold you accountable.

Every day we live is a great gift from God. Let's do what we can to make the most of every one of them!

See you Sunday! Mike

2010 Theme  
*We Believe*

Sermons for January 10, 2010, by Mike Baker  
A.M.: Why Some Do Not Obey The Gospel (John 12:42-43)  
P. M.: Lean On Me (Matt. 11:28-30)  
Tune in to KTBB AM 600 Sundays from 7:30-8:00 a.m.  
for **"Our Living Hope."**

## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### THANKS!

Thanks to all of you who helped with the Karing Kitchen this past Monday. We have been serving a larger number of people over the past several months. Thank you for continuing to pray for and help in this ministry.

### HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the high school group are invited to the devotional this coming Sunday night in the FLC. Please bring \$3 for supper. We will be finished at 8:30.

### SPECIAL TEEN CLASSES

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separate classes for the guys and girls as well as middle and high school. We only have 1 week left! Don't miss it!

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### LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

Watch for more details as our practices will begin soon.

### IMPORTANT DATES

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### GOD is Love

By Don Crawford

Someone recently said, "America is no longer a Christian nation." While the remark angered most of us and with good reason, the statement was coming from how our nation's immigration practices into the United States has brought in so many religions and different cultural backgrounds. The United States has felt the growing presence of Buddhists, Muslims, and Hindus. A recent poll shows the number of Muslims is greater than the number of Presbyterians and the number of Buddhists outnumber the Methodists. Instead of reading about these other religions in textbooks, we actually talk to them at the gas stations and restaurants. The idea that the United States is a Christian nation has

become more difficult to sustain.

As I look at the different gods that have made their way into this land, I find only one GOD who instills love within our hearts and teaches us how to love others....and that's Jehovah GOD.....the GOD who took on flesh and came to show us what the Great GOD Almighty is like.

What Jesus describes as the two greatest commandments would solve all of mankind's interpersonal and international problems. Love GOD and love others ——— this sums up all of the commandments in the Old Testament as well as the New Testament. What else would this world need if we all truly loved the true GOD and others? GOD has given us over two centuries in this country to teach and show this love. Had we done a better job of reflecting our GOD'S character we might not hear such comments.

## Ladies' Involvement Ministry

Each week, we are highlighting a different Ladies' Ministry that you can be involved in. If interested, contact the leader of that ministry.

Karing Kitchen

Contact person: Judy Hamm

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Karing Kitchen is a joint project involving several churches of Christ in Tyler. Both men and women work in this area. The churches take turns feeding the hungry on Monday nights. There is a devotional at these gatherings.

## Thank You

Thank you for the cards, phone calls and visits after my recent surgery. A special thanks to Peggy Garner who stayed with me during my recovery. I am blessed to be a part of such a loving congregation. In Christian love,

Norene Ingram

Thanks for the beautiful poinsettia. It was so thoughtful for the church to remember me at Christmas time.

Sue Ramsour

Dear West Erwin Brethren,

Thank you for your great heart and love towards our children. We would like to thank you all for sharing the blessings you received this year with us. Thank you for making our children very happy. We pray that God continues to send blessings your way always. With much love,

Your Hispanic Brothers & Sisters at West Erwin

Thank you all for the cards, calls, visits and food during my recent surgery, hospital stay and return home. I'm so thankful to have a church family like you.

Joe McBee

Thank you for the prayers, cards and calls after the loss of Jennifer Parker, our grandson's Mother. Please continue to remember Trent in your prayers as he adjusts to his new life without her.

We love you all,

Ernest & Gail Bennett

Danny & Trent Bennett

## With Sympathy

Services for George Simmons, father of Evelyn Muncy, were last Thursday at the Cisco Church of Christ. | A memorial service for Judy Williams Cohill, mother of Cassandra Estes, will be January 10, at 2:00 p.m. at Morris Chapel Cemetery in Canton. Our love, prayers and sympathy are with these families.

## Ladies' Class

The Ladies' Wednesday Morning Bible Class will resume January 13, at 10:00 a.m. in room 403 of the Office Complex. The study will be on the Omnipresence of God and Fern Bench will be teaching. The Ladies' Wednesday Evening Bible Class will resume January 13, in the Family Life Center. Make plans now to be present!

## Ladies Retreat

Save the date for February 26-27 for our annual Ladies' Retreat! Anyone interested in helping with the retreat, please meet Sunday, January 10, in the Library. If you would like to help but are unable to attend this meeting, please call Gail Vannoy at 903-574-5550.

## Change of Address

Clelia Fay Elliot

Garden Estates # 130

2055 Grande Blvd.

Tyler, TX 75703



## Misc. Information

January calendars are available at the tables near the entry way doors, the Visitor Center and the tract rack in the main entryway. Also, check the Lost & Found near the Cry Room in the Main Foyer for any items you may have lost. Bibles, umbrellas, clothing and other items have been turned in recently.

## Winter 2009-2010 Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class Schedule

Class Group & Location	Topic	Teacher
College/Young Professionals- 306	"Life of Moses"	Jon Murry
Young Marrieds-302	"Welcome to the Lifeboat"	Ray Vannoy
Anyone- Family Life Center	"The Names of God"	Danny Snell
Anyone- Benevolence Center	"Hebrews"	Don Crawford
Anyone- 112	"Prison Epistles"	Paul Montandon
Anyone- Small Auditorium	"Proverbs"	Mike Baker
Anyone- 403	"Parables of Jesus"	Wayne Berryman
Anyone- Heritage Room	"Proverbs & New Testament	Ralph Henderson
Anyone- Auditorium	"Words Related to God's Role in	Forest McFadden
Hispanic - 303	Salvation"	Israel Sandoval

## Welcome!

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We welcome you all to the West Erwin Family!